



# Hammond Town Crier



June, 1987

This is a sample copy of the revised edition of the newsletter that was published in Hammond during the 1970s. We hope to issue it monthly to keep you informed of what's going on in Town government, to encourage you to participate, to voice your criticisms --negative or positive--and to share your ideas on how to keep our town a good place to live, or how to make it a better one.

**ROADMASTER'S REPORT:** Some of you have asked why we have a road levy every year, and--since it failed this year--whether that means that nothing will be done for the Town's streets. Roadmaster Jack Zimmerman explains:

"The Town of Hammond has never had a tax base to support repair or improvement of its streets. We have depended on special levies to do anything more than routine maintenance.

"The funds we use for that do not include any tax monies paid by Hammond residents. They are derived from State Gasoline Tax, system development charges, and the mooring basin. Our budget for the fiscal year 1987-88, based on our estimate of receipts from these sources, is \$17,400. That must cover not only the filling of potholes and normal street repairs, but also nine miles of drainage systems which keep streets from flooding during winter rains, as well as the mowing and trimming of roadsides, median strips, town hall and fire department grounds, and the parade ground in the old fort. Only the barest of maintenance can be accomplished with that amount of money. Our question to the taxpayers of Hammond:

WOULD YOU SUPPORT A TAX BASE FOR ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS OF TOWN STREETS AND DRAINAGES?"

## FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

The month of May was a busy one for the Hammond Fire Department and Rescue Team. Volunteer personnel responded to a shake mill fire, a house fire, a chimney fire, and five medical calls.

On their Thursday drill nights, firefighters went on tours of the Warrenton Grade School building and Point Adams Cannery. They also attended a State Fire Marshal's class on sprinkler systems.

The 1965 backup pumper is back from the shop with all its rust spots cleaned up and a fresh coat of paint added. Firefighters hope to have the truck back in service soon.

Remember, if you need Fire Department or emergency medical help in the Town of Hammond, just dial 911.

**SAVE THE DATE:** The Town of Hammond is planning a fish barbecue and a 50's dance on September 19. The Friends of Old Fort Stevens will be holding their annual picnic in the Historical Area earlier in the day, and we expect some of the out of town (and state) visitors to the picnic to stay and join with old and new Hammond residents in the evening's festivities.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE has recently been revived, and includes Council Member Stephanie Hampton, Steve Simmons, Marietta Slobig, and Wade Tucker. They will be taking responsibility for the expansion of the basin and the surrounding park area. One of their first projects will be the September barbecue and dance. Anyone who has experience in planning such events, or in writing grants is urged to contact Ms. Hampton at 861-3739.



NEWS ITEM: Clatsop County Historical Society is planning an exhibit on the history of Hammond, featuring photographs of the Town's early days. Part of our collection is currently on display at the Town Hall. If you have additional photographs or other memorabilia that you are willing to lend, please call Leslie Shepherd at 861-2712.

Some time next month, we plan a "caption-writing party" for long-time residents willing to come in and help us identify people, places and events in the photographs.

NEW APPOINTMENT: Jerry Gohl has accepted an appointment as Hammond's alternate delegate to the Clatsop-Tillamook Intergovernmental Council. CTIC's Area Agency on Aging is responsible for services to senior and disabled citizens, including the funded Senior Bus, Nutrition Access, Escort Transportation, various In-home Services, and the Gatekeeper program.

We want to organize a Hammond Gatekeeper network in the near future. Anyone willing to join in the effort should get in touch with Jerry at 861-2049, or with Leslie at the Town Hall.

#### THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Oregon law requires cities and counties to review and update their land use and development plans every 10 years. Hammond's plan is due for periodic review this summer.

The plan deals with future uses of land and water and with relationships between groups within the Town. One of its objectives is to give the people of Hammond a strong voice in shaping their town's development.

The Planning Commission meets at the Town Hall on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7 PM, and you are urged to attend as often as you can. All of our citizens should be involved in all phases of the review and update process.

Let us know what you want for Hammond in the coming decade.

#### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE HARBOR?

A new dock area has been constructed to accommodate the Bar Pilots' operation. The 100'X35' barge has been moored and readied for docking, with all labor and materials courtesy of the Bar Pilots Association.

Landscaping and park improvement on the down-river side of the basin is 80% complete, and should be finished within the year. The people's park and beach area on the up-river side has been started, but will be on hold during the busy summer months.

Harbormaster Zimmerman and his staff invite you to stop by and ask questions or make suggestions for improvement of the area and its facilities.

FYI: The mooring basin is self-supporting. No tax dollars are used to repair, maintain, or improve existing facilities. Each year the basin makes a contribution to the Town's General Fund to help ease the burden on Hammond taxpayers.

#### HAMMOND STUDENTS ON THE HONOR ROLL:

Three Hammond students whose grade point average was 3.5 or better were among those honored at the Masons' Annual Honors Banquet held at Warrenton High School in May. Congratulations to

GRACE TAMAYO                      CHRISTINE SHEPHERD                      BECKY WATERS.

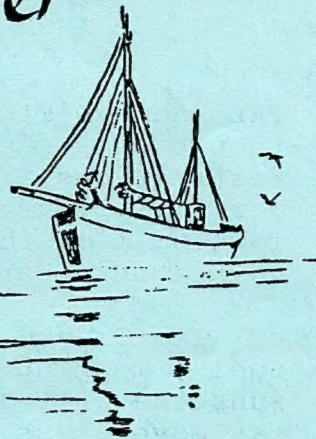
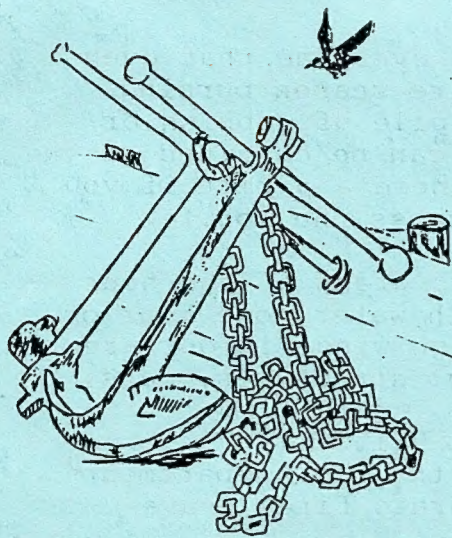
Christine also won honors at the State Track Meet in Eugene. She placed first in high hurdles and third in long jump.

THANKS to Warrenton High School art teacher Marilyn Denney/Floyd and four of her students who submitted designs for the heading of the TOWN CRIER. We will use all of them in future issues. Today's artist is Summer Monsen, of Hammond.

THANKS AGAIN to Lily Heide who contributes time and energy to the maintaining the flower garden at the base of our "Welcome To Hammond" sign.



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JULY, 1987

"YOU ARE HISTORY, and your history is just as important as anyone's," Dr. Burton Williams, Director of the Clatsop County Historical Society told a "caption-writing party" Thursday afternoon, July 16. More than thirty long-time residents attended the event. The Most Honored Guest was Vivian Anderson, 93, grand-daughter of original settlers B.C. and Rachel Kindred on whose land claim most of the Town of Hammond stands today. Ms. Anderson's daughter Jerry Gohl still lives on part of the Kindred claim.

Dr. Williams confirmed plans for an exhibit on the early history of Hammond some time this fall in the newly renovated Heritage Center on Exchange and 16th St. in Astoria. He urged anyone willing to donate or lend historical memorabilia to bring them to the Center, preferably on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning, when the archivist is on duty. The CCHS staff is prepared to take professional care of delicate old papers and photographs, and will make them available to other historical societies via a microfilm exchange system. Donations whose value can be appraised may entitle the donor to a tax credit, he said.

The Town Hall was spruced up, the refreshments were delicious, and the fellowship was warm. So is our gratitude to those who helped make it all happen: Leslie and John Shepherd Jr, Carol Shepherd, Chris Bonk, Bernice Enke, Roberta Jensen, Jerry Gohl, and Richard and Nancy Carruthers.

**ROAD QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS:** So far we have only a 7% response. We need to hear from more of you. Remember, the Public Works Department can't meet your needs if we don't know what they are. If you have misplaced the questionnaire we sent you, get another copy from the Town Hall, take five or ten minutes to fill it out, and deposit it in the box on the porch.

Results of the first crop of responses are as follows:

1. More street improvements?	YES 44%	NO 56%
2. New streets in town?	YES 22.5%	NO 77.5%
3. Existing streets widened?	YES 16.5%	NO 83.5%
4. New drainage system?	YES 44%	NO 56%
5. More drainage maintenance?	YES 59%	NO 41%
6. Street sweeping?	YES 33.5%	NO 66.5%
7. Street signs improved?	YES 38.5%	NO 61.5%
8. Litter pickup adequate?	YES 94.5%	NO 5.5%
9. Continue annual clean-up?	YES 100%	NO 0%

Homeowners outnumbered renters by 84% to 16%. All but one of the responses were from year-round residents. On the question "Are you retired and/or living on a fixed income?" the No's won by a narrow margin--55.5% to 44.5%. There were many thoughtful answers in the space we left blank for your suggestions. We'll summarize them in a future issue.

**PARKS AND RECREATION:** Plans for a Hammond salmon feast on September 19 are still in the making, though the 50's dance part of the program may have to be postponed till next summer. Anyone interested in working on the party--or contributing to it--please contact the Town Hall or Stephanie Hampton.



THE HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT wants to remind everyone that even though we are experiencing a wet summer, **fire season burning restrictions are in effect.** If you have a pile of rubbish or yard clippings to burn, a FREE burn permit can be obtained at the Town Hall or the Fire Station. (You don't need a permit if you have a burn barrel with a 1/4" wire mesh across the top.)

The Oregon Forestry Department considers grass a "one hour fuel", meaning that even if it's soaked with water, one hour of sunshine will dry it enough to burn. The high winds in our area can move grass fires very fast, endangering structures, cars, and people in their paths,

**If your fire gets out of control, CALL 911.**  
Even if you manage to control it yourself, the Fire Department will want to make sure it stays that way. Grass fires leave hot spots that can ignite again.

MONUMENT: Some time ago it was proposed that a monument to those lost at sea be located at the Mooring Basin Viewpoint to serve as the site for an annual memorial--perhaps a national or even an international pilgrimage destination. Now that the Bar Pilots have relocated inside the Basin, the site is free, and it's time to get more specific about plans.

Sculptor Stan Wanlass has prepared a design: a group of three larger-than-life-size bronze figures, representing a serviceman, a seaman, and a fisherman, set on a bronze piling 50 to 100 yards off shore, facing toward the river mouth, their backs to the land. Richard Carruthers, who has taken the lead in developing the proposal, says that is appropriate because they are "people who no longer belong to the land, who belong to and are part of the sea." We hope Stan Wanlass will soon be able to provide us with sketches or a model that can be used in a national campaign for funding.

PERSONNEL CHANGES: At its June meeting, the Council regretfully accepted the resignation of **Jack Zimmerman** as Harbormaster and Roadmaster effective on the last day of October. Jack has rendered outstanding service to the town during a difficult time, and he will be much missed although he has accepted the post of Harbormaster in the Warrenton Mooring Basin, so he won't be leaving the area. Applications are being taken for replacements in one or both of the positions he has held.

**Leslie Shepherd**, Town Clerk/Recorder, has decided to reduce her hours so she can spend more time with her new daughter, Sarah Pearl. Les will be at the Town Hall from 8 AM till noon, Mondays through Fridays. Our new Deputy Town Clerk--Trish Garrett--is already on duty in the afternoons.

ELOUISE YORK MEMORIAL: A roofed pavillion, with a picnic table and benches, has been erected on the parade ground at Fort Stevens as a memorial to Elouise York, who served Hammond as council member and mayor for 16 years. A dedication ceremony is planned for late summer. Watch this newsletter for the date.

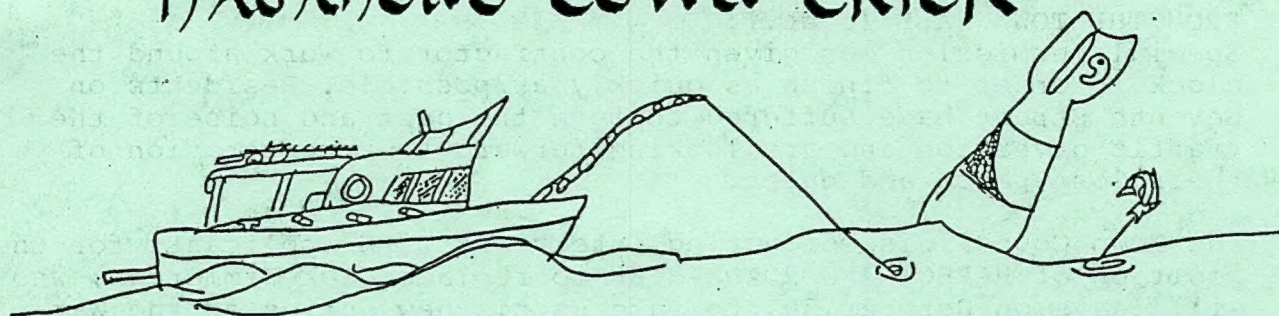
SUBSCRIBE TO THE HAMMOND TOWN CRIER: Questionnaire responses to our first issue were overwhelmingly positive. To those of you who said you would like to subscribe but didn't give us your name and address, if you will--

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along with \$2.50, we'll see that your copy is delivered every month. Those who aren't ready to subscribe can pick up their copies at the Post Office, the Town Hall, or Corkey's.

Funds for the publication of this issue were contributed by the Shepherd Electric Company, and we thank them very much. And thanks again to Marilyn Denny-Floyd of the Art Department at Warrenton High School, and to Hammond student Angie Bement, who designed this month's heading.



# HAMMOND TOWN CRIER



AUGUST, 1987

## HAMMOND TOWN PICNIC, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19

The Town of Hammond will host its first family fish barbecue September 19th at the View Point Park on the west side of the Mooring Basin at 4:30 P.M, directly after the dedication of the memorial to our late mayor, Elouise York. The picnic is designed as a community celebration, to refresh our identity as a town and our sense of shared history. The Town Hall will be staffed by volunteers during the afternoon and early evening, to display our collection of photographs and to accept contributions to the Clatsop County Historical Society's Hammond exhibition, (cf. below).

The memorial to Elouise York will be dedicated at 4 P.M. on the playground at old Fort Stevens, in a short ceremony that will include tributes to Ms. York by Mayors Les Newtown and Joyce Williams, by Betty Mosier (a colleague of Elouise's at Warrenton High School), and by a representative of the Preceptors Laureate Beta Club. We hope to have music by students from Warrenton High School, where Ms. York taught.

At the barbecue, the Parks and Recreation Committee will be serving salmon, corn on the cob and bread, and supplying plates, utensils and napkins. There will be a charge of \$5 for everyone over the age of ten, proceeds to go to the Hammond Community Improvement Fund. (This fund was originally donated by the fire department auxiliary group and has been used to help erect the Welcome sign at the east entrance to the town, and to underwrite this barbecue.) Families are urged to bring their own beverages, pot luck salads, and other "extras."

Friends of Old Fort Stevens will be holding their annual luncheon at the Historical Site earlier that day, and we expect some of them to join us. And, of course, everyone is welcome to come and participate in the celebration.

THE HAMMOND EXHIBIT AT CCHS, announced in previous newsletters is now definitely scheduled for October. We must start immediately to assemble the materials. Old newspapers, original documents, letters, and other artifacts may be submitted at the Town Hall beginning now and continuing through the Open House.

We need more photographs--especially those that can be positively identified, and we also need help with missing captions on the enlargements we have on display at the Town Hall. The Open House on Sept. 19 will be a good time to drop in and look them over.

Finally, and most importantly, we need volunteers to work with the Director of Exhibits in the final stages. Leave your name at Town Hall if you are interested.

Great care will be taken with all submissions. Those that are selected for inclusion in the exhibit will be considered as loans unless otherwise indicated. Great care will be taken of all submissions, and they will be returned promptly, or after the exhibit, in as good or better condition than they were received.

### FROM THE TOWN HALL:

The good news from the ROAD DEPARTMENT is that the widening of Pacific Drive to accommodate a bicycle path will be completed by the time you get this issue. At least that's what we hope.



FROM THE TOWN HALL (cont.):

Special permission was given the contractor to work around the clock in order to finish as quickly as possible. Residents on Seventh Street have suffered through the dust and noise of the traffic diversion and are looking forward to a restoration of their lost peace and quiet.

The Town Council is conducting interviews with applicants for the position of HARBOR AND ROADMASTER to replace Jack Zimmerman, who will leave on October 30, to take up his new duties at the Warrenton Basin. A surprisingly large number of applications was sifted by the Council, and the most highly qualified candidates invited for an interview. It's hoped that a final selection will be made by the end of this month, so the new man will have two months to familiarize himself with the job before taking over.

#### HARD TRAVELLING FOR SMALL TOWN GOVERNMENTS:

A feature article in the Los Angeles Times tells the sad story of municipal governments across the nation:

[In Stonington, Maine]"...this year's electin was a memorable event. A March storm roared off the ocean...snow plows struggled to clear the town road which winds up a steep hill to the high school...More than 360 voters--nearly half of those registered--dutifully trudged through drifts to cast ballots for new leaders to guide and administer their proud New England fishing town for another year.

"There was only one problem. Nobody ran for anything... Nobody had filed for election....

"'It's pretty common here and it's getting worse,' said Donald Rider, executive director of the Oklahoma Municipal League. 'We had 500 towns that were supposed to have elections. In 200 no elections were held because no one filed for office or there was no contest.'

"The U.S. Treasury Department recognizes...19,715 local goverments [that] serve populations under 1000...Why are fewer citizens participating? The answers seem as varied as the towns themselves. Experts cite changing demographics, the explosion in lawsuits and jury awards, more complex demands of local office, and the hard choices that local officials increasingly must make with shrinking budgets....

"Some problems are endemic. Federal and state enviromental laws regulating sewage, garbage, and landfills are increasingly complex. Hours are long. Pay is minimal. And fear of lawsuits is widespread.

"'Small town America is suffering,' said Nancy Brown, a Kansas State legislator, and head of the Kansas Assn. of Townships. The elimination of federal revenue-sharing funds last year hit especially hard, she said. 'Local officials just don't have the funds any more to do the job. That's very frustrating. So they don't get much personal satisfaction in the job.'"

To which we in Clatsop County say, "Tell us about it!"

#### Which brings us to the problem of the HAMMOND TOWN CRIER

As we annouced last time, the Town's very tight budget can't support the distribution of the newsletter so only those who have subscribed will have this and subsequent issues delivered.

Pick up your copy at the Post Office, the Town Hall, or Corkey's. Or leave your \$2.50 and name and address at Town Hall and join the subscribers' list so you don't miss an issue.

Again we thank Mariyln Denny-Floyd of the Art Department and Warrenton High School. And to her student Chris Davis, of Warreton, whose design is used on this month's heading.





# Hammond Town Crier

SEPTEMBER, 1987

## NEXT SATURDAY IS PICNIC DAY IN HAMMOND

Plans are complete for the first Hammond family fish barbecue, scheduled for Saturday, September 19, at 4:30 P.M. at the View Point Park west of the Mooring Basin. Volunteers will be serving barbecued salmon and corn on the cob at a charge of \$5 (children 10 and under, free). Picnickers are urged to bring their own beverages, salads, and desserts.

Earlier--at 4 P.M.--the memorial to our late mayor Elouise York will be dedicated on the playground at Fort Stevens. The brief ceremony will include tributes from Mayors Les Newton and Joyce Williams, and other friends and colleagues of Ms. York.

Still earlier in the day, the Friends of Old Fort Stevens will have their annual luncheon picnic at the Historial Site.

The Hammond Town Hall will be open all afternoon to give visitors an opportunity to see our collection of photographs of early Hammond. Volunteer hostesses will be on hand to answer questions and to receive (and give receipts for) contributions of memorabilia for the Hammond exhibit at the newly renovated Heritage Center in Astoria, in October.

All in all it should be a memorable occasion--the first time in almost 10 years the Town has gathered for a celebration. We hope the weather will cooperate, but if it doesn't, there are contingency plans to be will be announced if and when they become necessary.

## FROM THE TOWN HALL:

In case you hadn't noticed, the widening of Pacific Drive to accomodate a bicycle path was accomplished in record time. The Council thanks those citizens who bore more than their share of the inconvenience with heroic patience.

The Planning Commission has accepted with regret the resignation of long-time member Jim Verley. His place will be taken by DIANA HILTON. The Hiltons are welcome new additions to our community. Bill is the new superintendent of schools for Warrenton-Hammond, and Diana has taken a teaching position at Lewis and Clark School.

DAVE SABRE has been hired as Hammond's new Harbor and Roadmaster. Mr. Sabre has served in the U.S. Navy, first as an officer and helicopter pilot, and later as a civilian employee in charge of public works at the naval establishment on San Nicolas Island. His wife, Linda, and their son Darin (who has just entered 1st grade in Rogue River) will join him as soon as Dave can solve the problem of finding a suitable house within the narrow limits of Hammond's very special weather zone.

Finally, we would like to remind all Hammond citizens that they are more than welcome at the monthly meetings of the Council and/or the Planning Commission, whether or not they have a special concern to discuss.

The Planning Commission meets at the Town Hall on second Tuesdays, at 7 P.M. We are in the process of up-dating our Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and public input is very important. The next "second Tuesday" is on October 13. Mark your calendar and save the date.



TOWN MEETINGS (cont.)  
The Common Council meets on third Tuesdays. You've just missed this month's meeting, but you have plenty of time to plan on coming to the next, which will be on October 20.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT MAKES NEWS:

Last month's newsletter had no item from the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department because up to the time of publication, there hadn't been any emergencies--fire or medical. But before August was over, things had quite literally burst into flames.  
On August 27, the HFD responded to a fire that was the result of a phenomenon known as "spontaneous combustion", which occurs when certain chemical substances react chemically with oxygen. Substances capable of this reaction originate from a living (i.e. organic) source, such as linseed oil, corn oil, turpentine, fish or pine oils. (Petroleum products like motor oil or gasoline are not likely to react in this way.) The fire to which the HFD responded involved rags soaked with linseed oil that had been thrown into a box with other rags. You can avoid this fire hazard by storing used rags in air-tight metal containers.

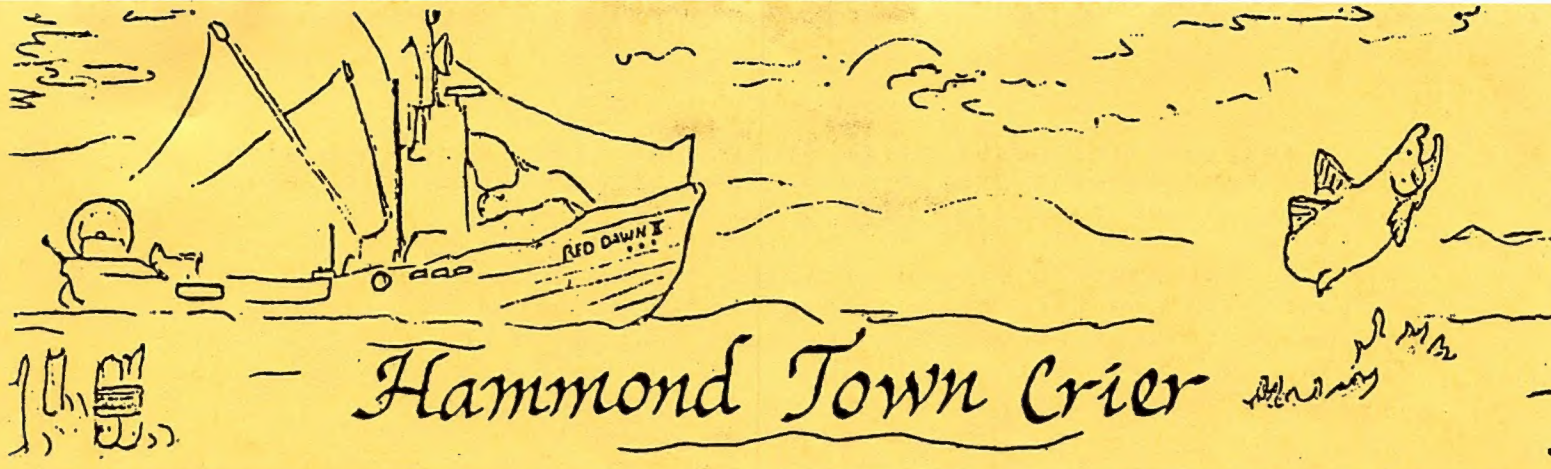
On September 11, the HFD Rescue Team was part of a remarkably successful resuscitation effort.  
The victim, a tourist, suffered a heart attack in his trailer, which was parked at the Quinlat Trailer Park. Fortunately, there was someone nearby by who had been trained in CPR and was aware of the importance of immediate treatment.  
Hammond resident Dave Preston administered CPR until the Hammond Rescue unit--called by the 911 network--arrived and was able to establish an "oral airway". They supplied the patient with oxygen and continued CPR until the Medix team arrived.  
The heart monitor showed that the patient was suffering "ventricular fibrillation", which is a precursor of cardiac arrest, and the Medix team used electric shock to return the heart to a normal beat. By the time the ambulance took off for the hospital, the patient was beginning to breathe. By the time it reached the hospital, he was breathing on his own, needing only small amounts of supplemental oxygen.  
As we go to press, he is still in critical care, but his condition described as stable and steadily improving, and he is anxious to "get on his feet and get out."

Statistics on cardiac arrest "saves" show that this sort of happy ending is relatively rare. In Clatsop County over the last year, the percentage is about 25%--meaning that only one in four of such cases is pulled through. The national average is 13%--one "save" in every eight.  
Congratulations and thanks to Dave Preston, the Hammond Fire Department Rescue Team, and Medix Ambulance's paramedics. We hope this will stimulate other citizens to take the CPR course.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE TOWN CRIER have been encouraging. We have a number of out-of-town subscribers, including Barry and Sally Smith, new Point Triumph owners, whose mail is being forwarded to Manila. The biggest boost to our morale and our bank balance were sizeable contributions received right after our last issue, from Point Triumph owners, Jack and June Spence, Frank Glenn, and Berta Williams. A few more like that and we'll be financially secure!

Meanwhile, many of you have told us that you meant to drop by the Town Hall and leave your name, address, and \$2.50, but it slipped your mind. Don't slip any further. Subscribe now and ask for any back copies you missed, to complete your file.  
STUDENT ARTISTS FROM WARRENTON-HAMMOND HIGH SCHOOL have contributed heading designs for the Town Crier since its inception. This month's is the work of Tom Keyser. We thank him and art teacher Marilyn Denny-Floyd, who offered the Town Crier heading as an alternative project to her advanced students. Five designs were submitted, all of them worthy of publication. Next month's issue will feature the last of them, so we hope Ms. Denny-Floyd is ready to launch another project.





OCTOBER, 1987

"REMEMBERING HAMMOND" OPENS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

The exhibition on our town's early history will be formally opened at the Heritage Center, (corner of 16th and Exchange streets in Astoria) on Sunday afternoon, October 18, at 4 P.M. Long-time Hammond residents and friends who have contributed items and information will be honored guests at the reception, to which everyone is cordially invited. Exhibits cover a span of over 200 years--from before the arrival of the American ship Columbia Rediviva in May of 1792, to the recent past, as well as all the enterprises around which Hammond's history has evolved:

- \* Fort Stevens, which played a part in two World Wars;
- \* the U.S. Life Saving Service--later the U.S. Coast Guard;
- \* the building of the South Jetty,
- \* the Flavel Hotel at Tansy Point (then part of Hammond),
- \* and the fishing industry.

The Fort Stevens Historical Museum has contributed a color-coded model of the original fortifications, mounted enlargements of some of their collection of photographs of the construction of the fort that replaced it and of the South Jetty, and two fragments of shells launched from a Japanese submarine in World War II, presumably aimed at Battery Russell.

From our own town collection we have selected views of early Hammond such landmarks as Mrs. Lally's store, the barber shop and one of the saloons, old Point Adams Life Saving Station, the old Point Adams Lighthouse, and the Desdemona Lighthouse, which stood on the sands opposite the town, the Catholic and Methodist churches, and the grand hotel that stood on what is now the Nygaard log sorting yard.

Local history buffs have sorted through attics and store-rooms and turned up newspaper articles, snapshots and formal portraits (including those of the first four postmasters), programs and posters, and memorabilia of all kinds from the Boy Scout Troop's banner, to the 1900 Regata Queen's wedding gown, and the saxophone played by Conrad Petersen in a band that played for dances in Hammond.

Dr. Burton Williams and the CCHS staff have done a fine job of arranging and mounting the exhibit. It will remain at the Heritage Center for three months or more. Come early and often.

HAMMOND'S FIRST ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC was a success, from the corn shucking party the night before to the marketing of the leftovers. The best part, of course, was what came in between: not only superbly barbecued salmon and fresh corn, but a smorgasbord of salads and desserts contributed by "potluckers", some of whom are still being asked to write out the recipe. The profits--almost \$200--go into the Hammond Improvement Fund.

The Parks and Recreation Committee--Stephanie Hampton, Marietta Slobig, Wade Tucker, and Steve Simmons--are so pleased (and relieved) at how well everything went that they are already making plans to do better (and bigger) next year, with the help of new member Bill Hilton, who was recruited at the picnic.

Suggestions under consideration are:

- \* start the barbecue at noon or shortly thereafter;
- \* hold the event on August 6, in the early part of the Buoy Ten season;

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\*explore the possibility of another, less windblown site. If you have other suggestions or comments on these, please let someone on the committee hear them.

We intended to extend official thanks to everyone who contributed in any way, from cashiering to catering to cleanup. But since just about everyone in Hammond helped in one or more capacities, the full list would have taken up half the Town Crier. So everyone who deserves a thank-you gets it here.

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

THE ELOUISE YORK MEMORIAL DEDICATION was the work of Tammy Miner and Frankie Bergerson, who arranged everything including beautiful weather on Saturday, September 19. About seventy people gathered at the pavillion erected on the playground at Fort Stevens to hear tributes to Hammond's late mayor, by Mayors Les Newton and Joyce Williams, Betty Mosar (Elouise's longtime colleague at Warrenton High), and fellow Beta member Joanne Fransen.

Elouise's husband Paul and their daughter Jane were there to accept the flowers sent by the staff of WHS and to greet friends and neighbors, many of whom had contributed funds or labor (or both) to the building of the memorial.

It is hoped that in the near future, a plaque bearing Elouise's name will be placed somewhere on the pavillion.

THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT reminds you that October is Fire Safety Month and time to make these safety checks in your home:

\*Test your smoke detector to be sure it's working by pushing the test button or blowing smoke at the unit. Replace the battery if it's getting old.

\* If you plan to use a portable electric heater, get one with an off switch that operates if it's overturned. Pick out a safe location away from furniture, curtains, etc. Don't run it off an extension cord if you can avoid it. If you can't, be sure the cord you use can carry the heater's electrical load.

\* If you burn wood for heat, have your chimney cleaned and checked. Burn only dry wood, and don't let the fire get too hot.

\* Plan your family's escape route in the event that your house catches fire despite all these precautions.

**WARNING TO MOTORISTS:** Do not run over a fire hose lying in the street. (Even on a motorcycle!) Your vehicle's undercarriage might rip the hose fabric, or its weight might crush a coupling, or puncture the hose.

Running over a hose and/ or disregarding a firefighter's directions will subject you to a citation by the police department and cost you up to \$700 for replacing the length of hose you have damaged.

OUR NEW HARBOR- AND ROADMASTER IS KEN SMITH. who came to Clatsop County (from Maine) in 1974, and has worked on water-related jobs here and in Alaska ever since. He and his wife and young daughter live in the Lewis and Clark area. Ken took over just before Jack Zimmerman went on vacation in early October. He had two weeks on his own. Now Jack is back for his final two weeks, and Ken is getting answers to questions he has stored up in the meantime.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR AND COME TO THESE MEETINGS:**

Town Council Tuesday, October 20, Town Hall at 7 P.M.

Planning Commission, Tuesday, November 10, Town Hall, 7 P.M.

This month's heading on the HAMMOND TOWN CRIER is the work of WHS student Mark Thompson; the calligraphy is by WHS art teacher Marilyn Denny-Floyd.

The newsletter received such a generous contribution from Richard and Nancy Carruthers that we are distributing this issue with its news about the Remembering Hammond exhibit, to everyone in town. But we can't afford to do this every month. If you want the next 12 issues, bring or mail this clippable coupon to the Town Hall with your \$2.50

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# HAMMOND TOWN CRIER

NOVEMBER- 1987

## COLUMBIA RIVER HERITAGE PROJECT NUMBER ONE

Hammond's contribution to the bicentennial anniversary of Capt. Robert Gray's arrival in the Columbia Rediviva has been designated, Columbia River Heritage Project Number One by the Oregon Historical Society. Although the target date for unveiling the completed statue is May 11, 1992--nearly five years away--work is already underway on the organization of a fund-raising campaign.

The effort got a big boost from an editorial in the Daily Astorian. For those of you who missed the Monday (Nov.9) paper, here are some of the pertinent passages:

"Oregon's governor and legislative leaders have appointed a four-person commission to direct planning of the observance of Capt. Robert Gray's discovery in 1792 of the entrance to the Columbia River....The Oregon Historical Society and the Columbia River Maritime Museum are appointing committees to lend the resources of their institutions to the effort...."

One of the more ambitious undertakings...will be located downriver from the entrance to the Hammond Mooring Basin. Three bronze figures, facing the sea, will represent fishermen, merchant seamen, and the Coast Guard. The Hammond Town Council intends that this memorial will be dedicated May 11, 1992, to celebrate the bicentennial of Capt. Gray's discovery.

This undertaking will be expensive. How it will be funded no one has yet determined, but because the concept is both grand and unique, it should attract substantial financial assistance."

## GREAT LEAP FORWARD AT THE MOORING BASIN

For over ten years Hammond has had on file an ambitious plan for developing the facilities at our mooring basin. For the first time in that many years there is a real prospect of putting it into effect.

Councilman Butch Fletcher, who represents Hammond on the Clatsop Economic Development Commission, has drawn up a proposal that will be included in Clatsop County's submission to Oregon Tourism Alliance. The Governor has asked each region in the state to select a priority to be funded under his 'come-back' plan, and tourism has been chosen as Clatsop County's focus. Hammond's marina is already a major tourist attraction and has the potential to be a greater one.

If our proposal is approved, our plan would be designated a "priority" in the Oregon Tourism Alliance's Regional Strategy, and we would be eligible for a portion of the lottery money set aside for its work. Such a designation would also increase our chances of winning grants for specific purposes from agencies like the Community Development Fund and the Marine Board.

The competition is stiff, and this is the first time Hammond has entered the contest. But all signs indicate that we have at least a fighting chance.



### SMOKE OUT AT FORT STEVENS

Problems with the old sewers in the Fort Stevens residential area led to the the Great Smoke Out on Monday, Nov. 16. Roadmaster Ken Smith and assistants will set off a smoke bomb in the old system while residents keep watch in their basements. Any wisp of smoke should be reported immediately to the Town.

### SCHOOLS PROJECT

Hammond was one of several communities in the county that co-sponsored a town meeting on Monday evening, Nov. 9 at the Warrenton Grade School to discuss future funding of our public schools. This was one of 28 such meetings held all over the state under the auspices of the League of Women Voters, with assistance in this case of the Women's Political Caucus.

Almost 70 people attended despite competition from Monday night football and other meetings. There were students from WHS, parents, grandparents, school teachers and administrators. All parts of the county were represented--from Bownsmead and Jewell to Cannon Beach. One couple drove all the way up from Tillamook.

After an informational presentation of present funding and the inequities it causes, the crowd broke into small groups to brainstorm ideal solutions to be achieved by the year 2001. All suggestions were posted for general discussion later, and there were some that astonished everyone but the proposer:

- \*new sources of revenue such as--
  - taxes on the state's water resources,
  - rental of submersible lands,
  - taxes on mining, including ocean mining,
  - legalization and heavy taxation of marijuana,
- \*encouragement of private schools;
- \*contributions from parents.

There were also some areas of solid consensus:

- \*no (or almost no) reliance on property taxes;
- \*greater federal support for basic schooling
- \*much greater state support;
- \*equalization of available resources so that children in revenue-poor districts are not penalized.

There was NO consensus on whether or not there should be a state sales tax devoted to school support.

### NEWS OF OUR FIRE FIGHTERS

October was another busy month for the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department. They answered seven alarms including a chimney fire, a controlled burn, a street washdown, and a large fishtote and tree fire at Point Adams Packing Company. In addition they supplied mutual aid assistance to the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department three times during the month.

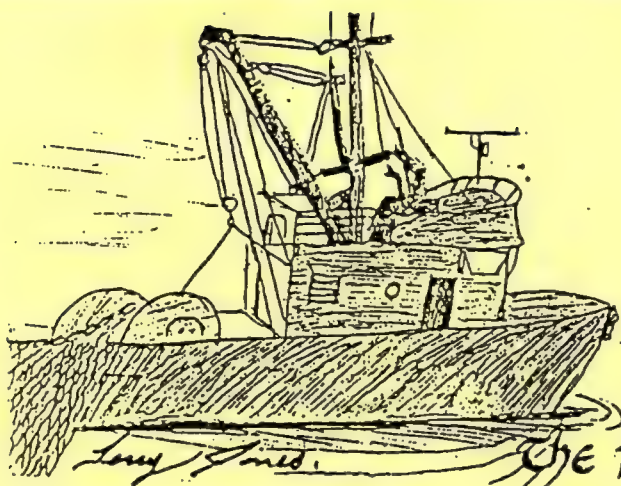
Three Hammond fire fighters attended a recent Hazardous Materials class in Astoria. The two-day class, put on by the State Fire Marshal's office, was half classroom lecture and half field training, the latter involving a simulated tank truck accident.

The arrival of some overdue wet weather has permitted the lifting of burning restrictions in our area. Permits are no longer required.

The HFD Rescue Team received a generous donation from Mr. Don Maxwell of Madras, Oregon. Mr. Maxwell was a patient of their in September when they were able to resuscitate him after he suffered a cardiac arrest. The donation will be used to purchase a special infant oxygen mask and other pediatric medical equipment.

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This month's heading is the work of our Deputy Town Clerk, Trish Garrett. But Marilyn Denny-Floyd's art class at WHS is working on a new series of headings for us, this time on scenes of historical interest in and around Hammond. Watch for the first of them in next month's TOWN CRIER.





# Hammond Town Crier

*The Fishing Industry—Long in Coastal History*

DECEMBER 1987

## UPDATE ON THE SEAFARERS MEMORIAL

The projected Seafarers Memorial is prominently featured in Hammond's development proposal (cf below). Papers of incorporation as a non-profit foundation have been filed by the temporary officers: Richard Carruthers, President; Janet Stevenson, Secretary, and Joan Pratt, Treasurer. Once the foundation's status has been officially recognized, the temporary officers will be replaced by an elected Board of Directors.

## NEWS FROM DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

New Rules for Trailer Parks: The old ordinance regulating Recreational Vehicle Parks has been revised, the most important change being that one acre (instead of three) is now the minimum parcel required for such an operation. There is a minimum number of spaces (5) and a maximum limit on time of stay (180 days). For a stay of over 20 days a permit must be obtained from the Town.

Protest to State Speed Board In response to a citizen's petition the Town asked the state authorities to lower the speed limit on a stretch of Pacific Drive (from the Bioproducts entrance to the present 25 mph sign) from 45 to 35 mph. We pointed out that this portion of the highway goes through a residential area and passes an active industrial plant (Point Adams Packing Co.) that generates a lot of large truck traffic.

That was last May. In November, we received the State Speed Board's answer: a decision to lower the limit to 40 mph. The Council has concluded that reducing the speed limit by only 5 mph does not meet the problem and has notified the SSB that we do not accept their decision and are renewing our request for a 35 mph limit. Stay tuned!

### Appointments confirmed:

To serve as Budget Officer, Trudy Enke;  
To serve on the Budget Committee, Ferne Berg;  
To new terms on the Planning Commission: Diana Hilton and Karin Smith;  
To new terms on the Budget Committee, John Shepherd, Jr. and Flint Carlson;  
To represent Hammond on the Clatsop Economic Development Commission, Councilmember Fletcher and Mayor Stevenson.

## HAMMOND'S BID FOR A PIECE OF THE OREGON COMEBACK FUNDS

Councilmember Butch Fletcher's proposal for expanding and improving the facilities of our mooring Basin was formally approved by the Town Council. It is being submitted, along with other Clatsop County proposals, for inclusion in the Oregon Tourism Alliance's Regional Strategy.

Seven very specific goals have been defined by the Alliance, and Hammond's proposal meets all of those concerned with enhancing the attractiveness of the area to visitors for long or short stays, and encouraging them to return. The Seafarers Memorial, which will require the up-grading of facilities on the west side of the basin, meets the criterion of "providing destination opportunities" as well as "creating a national and international image." If we are successful in obtaining priority status, we will be eligible for a portion of the state funds set aside for economic development. While waiting for a decision on this front, we are moving ahead on much-needed repairs, including the shoring up of crumbling basin banks.



#### HAMMOND INCLUDED IN NEW MOORING BASIN TASK FORCE

The Greater Astoria Chamber of Commerce has appointed a task force to evaluate the condition of the four mooring basins in the area, to recommend repairs and improvements, and to start the search for the necessary funds. Stephanie Hampton, Councilmember in charge of the Parks and Recreation Committee, has been appointed to represent the Town on this task force. Harbormaster Ken Smith will serve as co-delegate.

#### THE HAMMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

wants to talk to you this month about chimney fires and how to avoid them. Despite the fact that chimney (or flue) fires are the leading cause of house fires in the state of Oregon, many homeowners still consider them just a good way to clean out creosote buildup in the flue. What they don't understand is that the temperatures produced by a chimney fire not only can destroy the chimney, but may set the house on fire as well. The heat can crack bricks. Flames can work their way through the cracks and spread to walls and attics. Or, if the bricks become superheated, nearby wood supports may ignite. Even triple-wall metal chimneys can fail from excessive heating.

The way to avoid chimney fires is to keep your flue clean, to burn dry wood, and to keep your fire from either burning too hot or smoldering. The former may cause a chimney fire; the latter causes a buildup of creosote. If you do have a chimney fire, call 911 and the Fire Department will respond.

Some people are reluctant to call the Fire Department either because they are embarrassed or because they're afraid their houses will be damaged by the firefighters. Don't be embarrassed. You pay taxes to support the HVFD and you should use it when you need help. Our firefighters pride themselves on how careful they are in people's homes. We put down canvas runners to protect carpets, move furniture to prevent damage, use smoke ejecting fans to remove smoke, and bring hoses in only when absolutely necessary. Each firefighter has a particular job to perform. They carry special equipment for extinguishing flue fires and an infrared sensing gun to check for hidden fires in walls or attics. We usually send a firefighter into the attic to check the chimney and put several on the roof to check the flue from above. We have even gone under houses to check a chimney clean-out. In short, we do everything possible to make sure that the fire is out and to assess any damage to the chimney or the house that may need repair.

#### FIRE CHIEF MARK SIMONSEN

The Hammond Town Crier will profile one of our firefighters in each issue so that the townspeople can be better acquainted with the members of the Volunteer Fire Department. This month's profile is of our Fire Chief Mark Simonsen.

A native of Hammond, Mark comes from a family with a tradition of service to the HVFD. His older brother Robert and his father Howard have both served as firefighters, and Howard Simonsen also served for a time as Chief. Mark has been a member of the HVFD for more than eleven years, having served as firefighter, lieutenant, and captain before being elected Chief in 1987. He also a team leader on the Medical Rescue Team. He lives with his wife Kelly and their five children in the Fort Stevens residential area, and is employed at the Wauna Pulp and Paper Mill.

#### COMING MEETINGS:

Parks and Recreation Committee, Wednesday, January 6, at 7 P.M.

Planning Commission, Tuesday, January 12, at 7 P.M.

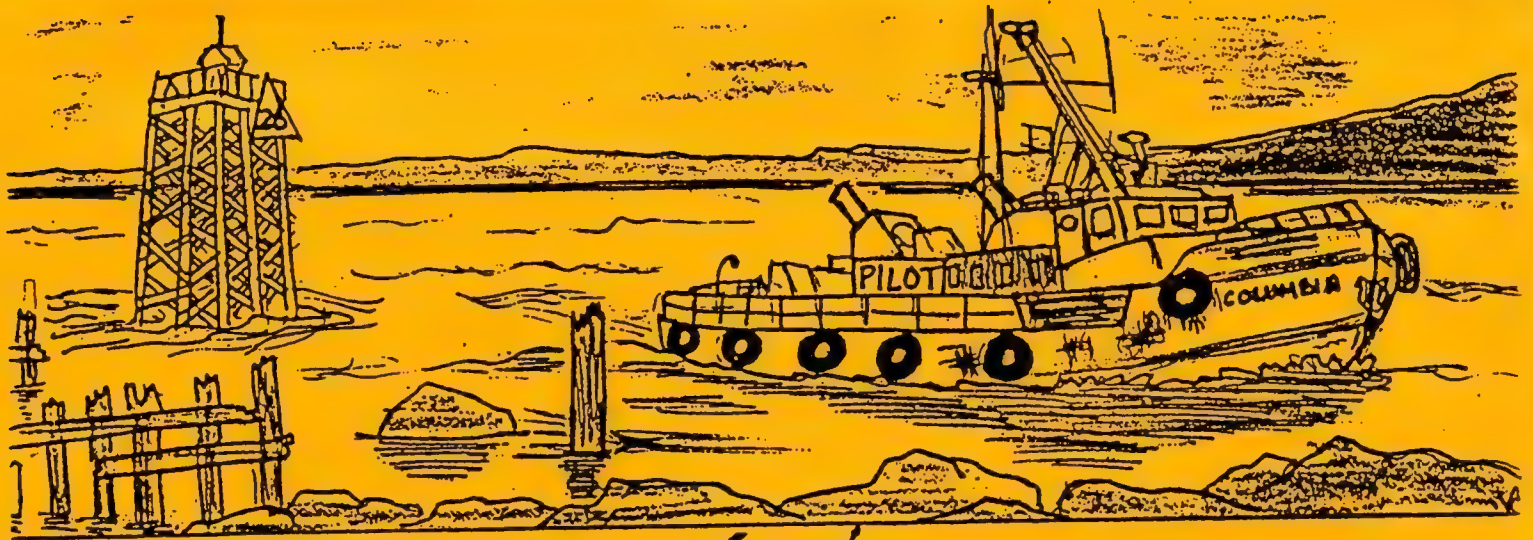
Town Council, Tuesday, January 19, at 7 P. M.

All of the above are at the Hammond Town Hall at 861 Pacific Dr. All are open to the public and citizens are urged to attend, to inform themselves of plans for the town in 1988, to express their opinions of those plans, and to contribute ideas of their own.

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This month's heading is the work of Terry Jones, a student in Marilyn Denny-Floyd's art class at WHS. It's the first of a new series of headings, designed especially for the Hammond Town Crier, on subjects related to the history of the town and our corner of Clatsop County.





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JANUARY, 1988

## COUNCIL AWARDS CONTRACTS FOR MOORING BASIN IMPROVEMENTS

At their January 19 meeting, the Town Council awarded contracts for engineering and design of improvements to the Mooring Basin area. Handforth & Larson, Inc. of Manzanita was hired for \$6,598 to provide specifications, plans and cost estimates for construction of sewer and water lines, a new road and viewpoint on the east side of the basin, new restrooms, a promenade around the basin, and an additional 50 slip moorage.

CREST (Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce) was hired for \$3,000 to prepare a dredging and disposal plan (including mitigation) for the basin.

The plans for basin improvements and dredging will be completed by June 30, 1988, at which time, the Town will solicit grants to fund construction.

Both of the above projects are funded by a grant award from the Oregon Lottery through the Special Public Works Fund administered by the State of Oregon Community Development Program

## FEBRUARY MEETINGS:

<u>Parks and Recreation Committee</u>	Wednesday, February 3, at 7:00 p.m.
<u>Planning Commission</u>	Tuesday, February 9, at 7:00 p.m.
<u>Town Council</u>	Tuesday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.
<u>Budget Committee</u>	Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 p.m.

All meetings are held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive.

  
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This month's masthead is the artwork of Valerie Carlson. A Hammond resident since 1981, Valerie is the secretary for the Warrenton-Hammond Police Dept.



## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended to the Council that goals for the Mooring Basin area include 1) drawing people to Hammond, 2) enhancing the natural beauty and historical significance of the area, 3) developing year-round uses, 4) benefitting the townspeople, and 5) generating income for the town. What do you think? Please let us know.

## HAMMOND IS AWARDED GRANT MONEY

The Town of Hammond is the proud recipient of a \$25,000 engineering and construction grant awarded by the Oregon State Highway Division from their Small Cities Allotment fund. The project will begin at the intersection of Iredale and Pacific, travel north on Iredale and curve west to Harbor Drive, past the boat ramp to the intersection of Harbor Drive and Lake Drive (see darkened road on map). The 1600 feet of roadway will be resurfaced, and widened from 16 feet to approximately 30 feet wide to allow for high RV traffic, vehicles towing boat trailers, and pedestrian use. Construction may begin this fall, and is scheduled for completion by December 15, 198



## HAMMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hammond Volunteer Fire Department recently sent four firefighters to a hazardous materials class in Beavercreek, near Oregon City. John Shepherd, Jr., Flint Carlson, Leslie Shepherd and Perry Grant attended the two day class, sponsored by the State Fire Marshal's Office, which taught firefighters how to deal with emergencies involving hazardous materials. Some of the topics covered were identifying a chemical emergency, how to get information on the chemicals involved, how to safely contain a toxic spill or gas release, safety procedures for firefighters and the public, and where to get help for clean-up, and how to deal with an incident involving a clandestine drug lab. The class concluded with students taking part in a simulated motor vehicle accident involving a propane tank truck and a pickup truck carrying toxic chemicals. It was a valuable class, and one which satisfies part of the State Fire Marshal's requirement for hazardous materials training.

## JAWS OF LIFE

Since May of 1985, the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department has been raising money through Labor Day mushball tournaments in order to purchase a "Jaws of Life" hydraulic rescue tool. The tool would be available for use in Hammond and surrounding communities via the Clatsop County Fire Mutual Aid Plan. Currently there are three such tools in the county, one in Elsie, one in Seaside, and a set owned by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office.

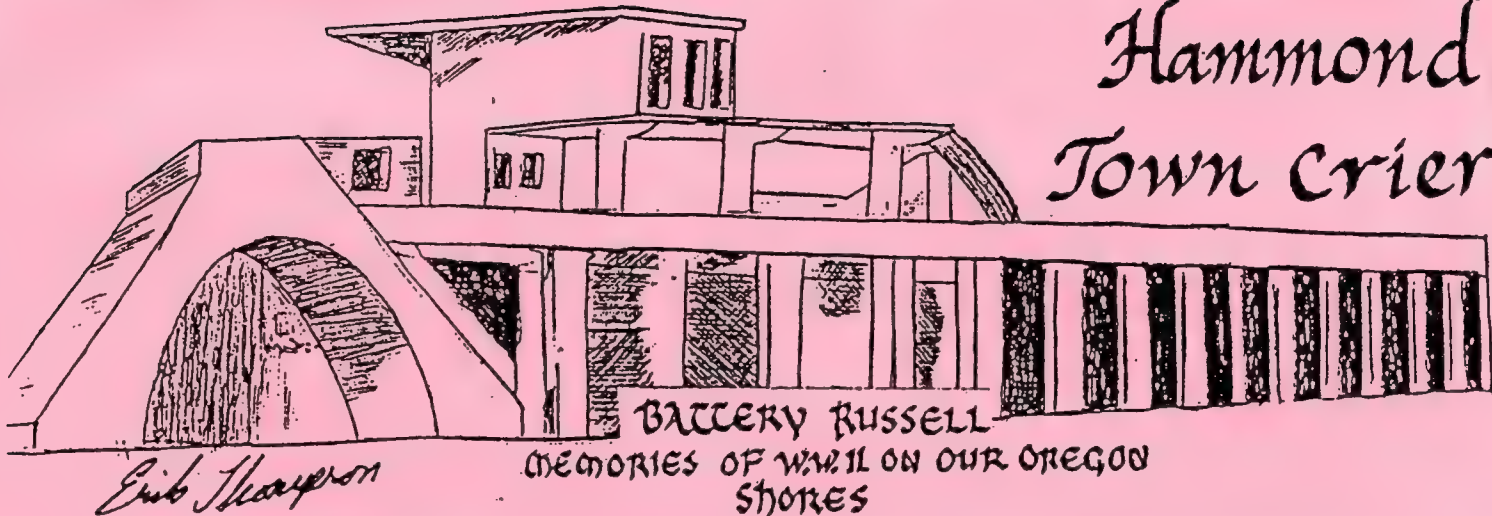
Since the Sheriff's office has almost been voted out of the emergency response "business", creating a delay in getting a tool to the scene of an accident, the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department took an interest in the problem and determined that the acquisition of a rescue tool would be a worthwhile project. Among the reasons for undertaking the project was the ability to respond firefighters 24 hours a day, the willingness of our volunteers to take special training in the use of the tool and that the tool can be used for rescues other than automobile accidents. These would include people trapped under or pinned between heavy objects.

The department decided to dedicate it's mushball tournament for the last three summers (and more, if necessary) to this cause. So far, the department has raised half of the money needed and has asked the County Ambulance Advisory Board for the matching funds needed for the purchase of the Jaws. If anyone wishes to help the project by donating funds, you should contact Fire Chief Mark Simonsen or Hammond Town Hall.

## FLINT CARLSON, ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF

January's profile of a Hammond firefighter is that of Flint Carlson. Flint moved with his family to Hammond from Roseburg in 1969 and joined the Fire Department in early 1981. He served as a firefighter and Lieutenant before being promoted to Assistant Chief in 1987. Flint says, "it may sound corny, but I joined the fire department so I could help the community." Assistant Chief Carlson works for Carlson Contracting, based in Hammond, as a heavy equipment operator. He enjoys outdoor activities such as deer hunting and fishing, but has a special fondness for duck hunting. Flint lives with his wife Valerie and dog Otis in Fort Stevens.





# Hammond Town Crier

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## A STITCH (IN THE DITCH) IN TIME?

The special road levy on our March 22 ballot is an effort to save Hammond taxpayers larger sums in the near future. To understand why, Councilmember Jo Adams urges citizens to drive up Enterprise Street (from Pacific) and look at what's happening to the bridge over the drainage ditch on Seventh Avenue. What looks like earthquake damage is the result of normal winter erosion and the budget constraints of the last few years, which have permitted only "bandaid solutions."

Roadmaster Ken Smith has submitted a proposal that includes replacement of the perishable wooden timbers that channel the flow of drainage water into the culvert, restoration and reinforcement of the crumbling embankment, and repairs to the culvert itself, to increase the efficiency of the drainage system that keeps Hammond from turning into a swamp every winter.

Funds for the project are included in the special road levy request that will be on the March 22 ballot. The total amount of the request is \$8,250. \$6,000 of that is for the bridge repair project. \$1,500 is for other minor repairs to the ditch/drainage system. The rest, \$750, is the estimated percentage of the levied tax that can't be collected.

If the levy passes, work on the project may begin as early as September of this year. If it doesn't pass, we run the risk of a much greater expense in the near future if and when a major storm undermines the bridge.

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE BEST WAY TO COPE WITH DISASTER IS TO KEEP IT FROM HAPPENING, VOTE FOR THE LEVY. IT WILL SAVE US ALL MONEY IN THE NOT-VERY-LONG-RUN.

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## SPEED LIMIT WILL BE LOWERED!

A recent event underscores the fact that people can, indeed, "fight city hall" and win! Our town, prompted by a citizen's petition, had requested the state to lower the speed limit on Pacific Drive at the eastern entrance into town from 45 mph to 35 mph. The state sent a rather large report backing up their proposal to lower the speed limit a mere 5 mph to 40 mph. The town responded, "not enough!" So the matter was put on the agenda of the February meeting of the State Speed Control Board. Thanks to a letter from Point Adams Packing Co., a copy of an accident report from the Warrenton Police, and numerous letters written by the original petition signers the board agreed with us, and we will have a safer stretch of road before the summer traffic begins! - Stephanie Hampton

## PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES CHANGES TO ZONING ORDINANCE

Changes to the Comprehensive Plan, the Background Report to the Comprehensive Plan, and the Zoning Ordinance were considered by the Planning Commission at two Public Hearings and were recommended to the Common Council for approval at their March 15 meeting.

In addition to many state-mandated changes, the Mooring Basin Improvement Plan was made a part of the Comprehensive Plan, and language was added encouraging builders to adopt a turn-of-the-century look to new construction, so it will conform to the architectural style adopted by the Town in 1986.

- Richard Carruthers

## ED BUSSERT II, LIEUTENANT

February's profile of a Hammond firefighter is that of Ed Bussert II. Ed moved with his family to Hammond in 1979 from Ontario, Oregon and joined the fire department in 1982. He is on the medical rescue team, and was promoted to Lieutenant in 1987. Ed says he joined the department after seeing them work a fire in the Fort Stevens area, and it looked interesting. Lieutenant Bussert is the manager of the sporting goods department at Link's Outdoor store in Seaside. In October, he and his wife Brenda, their daughter Chelsey and cat Hank moved to their new home in Warrenton, just 2 miles away. They are expecting their second child in June. Ed says the fire department is his hobby, but he also collects replicas of eagles.

## HAMMOND FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO CRAB POT FIRE

Early in the morning on February 11, 1988, the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department was called out to help fight the Crab Pot Restaurant fire. The Warrenton Fire Department received the alarm at approximately 4:30 a.m. and immediately requested that Hammond be dispatched for mutual aid assistance. Hammond sent one engine, a hose truck, four firefighters and Assistant Chief Flint Carlson to the fire. Eight firefighters stood by at the Hammond fire station with the remaining engine to make sure that our town would be protected.

When the Hammond personnel arrived on scene they found the restaurant fully involved in fire and part of the roof collapsed. Warrenton engines had used all the nearby fire hydrants so Hammond's hose truck had to lay 1400 feet of five-inch supply hose from the Hammond engine to another hydrant.

Despite the efforts of 25 firefighters from both departments the restaurant was a total loss. Investigators have determined that the fire was intentionally set. - John F. Shepherd, Jr.

## HAMMOND NEEDS A COMPUTER

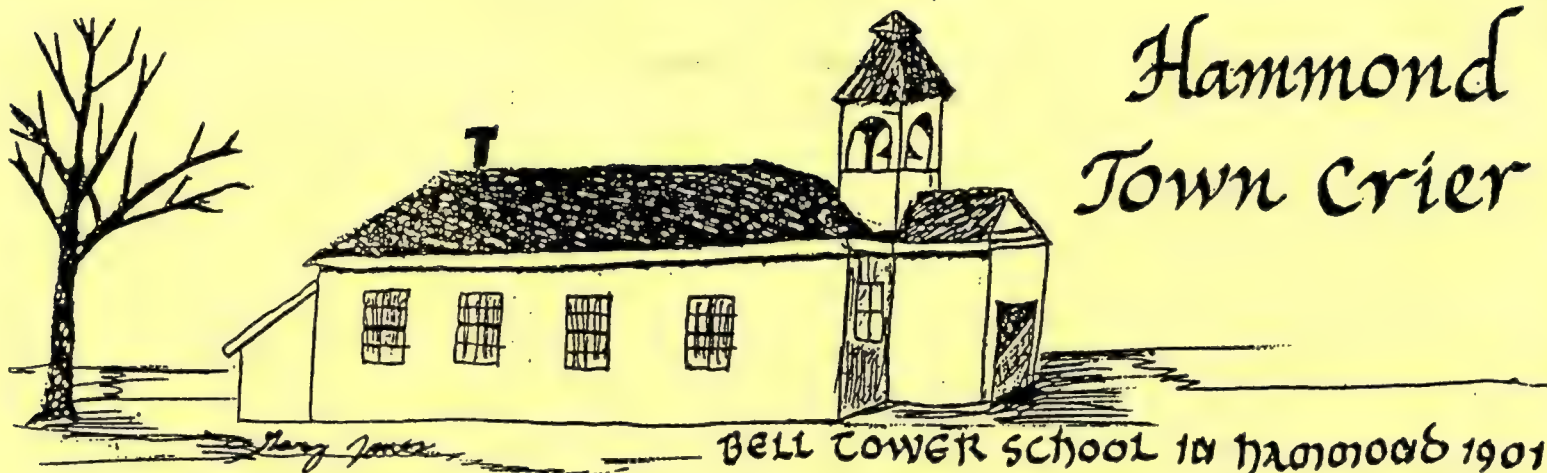
The Town of Hammond has the chance of a lifetime to purchase a used computer in excellent condition. It includes the screen, keyboard and a printer as well as thousands of dollars worth of data processing, word processing, accounting and charting software. This system will meet Town Hall's and the Mooring Basin's needs very well, but, there is no money in the budget to pay for it. We are telling you this just in case you feel the need to make a tax deductible contribution but don't know where to send it! (Hammond's P.O. Box number is 161.)

## MEETING SCHEDULE

March 1, First meeting of the Budget Committee  
March 2, Parks and Recreation Committee  
March 8, Planning Commission  
March 15, Town Council  
March 22, Second meeting of the Budget Committee (This meeting will be cancelled if the Budget Committee is able to finish its work at the March 1 meeting.)

All meetings are held at Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive, and begin at 7:00 p.m. All are open to the public, which is urged to attend.





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## HAMMOND'S DOG ORDINANCE

At its March meeting the Town Council adopted AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE RUNNING AT LARGE OF DOGS that brings us into conformity with Warrenton's ordinance. Since we now contract with Warrenton for animal control service, we must use the same definitions and regulations.

The ordinance (#88-2) is on file at the Town Hall, and anyone with an interest in the question ought to read through it. But here are the main points:

Section 1: ...it shall be unlawful for a dog to ... be permitted to run at large.

Section 2c: At large shall mean off the premises of the owner ... while the dog is not under the complete control of the owner.

Section 3: A dog is a public nuisance if it:

1. Bites a person.
2. Habitually chases vehicles or persons.
3. Damages or destroys property...
4. Scatters garbage.
5. Habitually trespasses on private property...
6. Disturbs any person by frequent and prolonged noises.
7. Is a female in heat and running at large.

Section 7: ...A dog which is running at large, is a nuisance, or is unlicensed ... shall be impounded...

Section 10: A violation of any provision of this ordinance may be punishable by imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or by a fine not to exceed \$500, or both...

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## PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Harbormaster Ken Smith and his able assistants, Jay Bandeen and Perry Grant, have been very busy constructing new dock sections. They have replaced the entire section of floats extending out from the middle of the boat ramp. They have stabilized the main long dock section of "D" float and are in the process of repairing the access ramp and installing new floats there. After they are done, it should be possible to walk the docks without wetting one's feet! Look for more improvements in the future.

Parks and Recreation Committee member Bill Hilton is home now and is on the mend and wishes to express his thanks for the terrific support the community has shown to him and his family during his illness and surgery. Great to have you back, Bill. -Stephanie Hampton

## HAMMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

At 2:44 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 1988 Hammond Fire Department and Rescue units responded to a serious one-vehicle accident involving a local woman. A vehicle operated by Denise Doney of Hammond left the road near Bio-Products and sheared off a power pole in the town park nearby. Her car came to rest in a small grove of pine trees. The accident caused power outages in a large area of Hammond including the fire station. Firefighters had to manually raise the electric station doors in order to get the vehicles out.

On their arrival at the scene, Hammond crews encountered power lines blocking the road and found Ms. Doney unconscious inside the car. Firefighters set up portable generators and lighting and helped the police with traffic control. Rescue personnel began treating Denise for a head injury, shock and possible neck and back injuries. Both vehicle doors were jammed so the windshield was removed to gain access to the inside of the car. The "Jaws of Life" were requested from the Sheriff's Office, but the driver's door was pryed open prior to their arrival.

Ms. Doney was taken by Medix Ambulance to Columbia Memorial Hospital and later flown by Life Flight helicopter to Emmanuel Hospital in Portland. At last report she was listed in serious condition in the intensive care unit. -John Shepherd, Jr.

## JAN SCHULTZ, FIREFIGHTER

March's profile of a Hammond firefighter is that of Jan Schultz. Jan has been on the department since January of 1984, is now an EMT 1, and a team leader on the Hammond Rescue Team. He joined the fire department in order to get more involved in the community, and now he serves on the Planning Commission as well. Jan works at K-Manufacturing in Lewis and Clark, and is a part-time crewman for Medix Ambulance Co., and lives in Fort Stevens with his wife Debbie and their daughters, Lyn, Cathy and Michelle.

## GOOD NEWS DEPARTMENT

THANKS to Lily Heide, who has again performed a real service to the Town by doing a spring cleaning and replanting around our WELCOME TO HAMMOND sign. She sets us all an example.

The street widening and resurfacing project on Iredale Street and "Harbor Street" has begun! This project, funded by the Small Cities Allotment program was to begin this fall, after the fishing season was over, but because of quick action by Town Hall staff the paving is scheduled to be done at the end of May. Iredale Street will be widened to 24 feet and "Harbor Street" will be widened to 22 feet. The job is expected to cost approximately \$25,000, and after it is inspected another street improvement project will be submitted for funding approval. - Leslie H. Shepherd, Town Clerk/Recorder

## SPEED LIMIT REDUCED

Beware! The posted speed limit in Hammond from Gray Street east to the Town limits has been reduced from 45 mph to 35 mph, and the Warrenton-Hammond Police Department will be giving warnings for a while. Very soon, however, the warnings will be replaced by genuine citations.

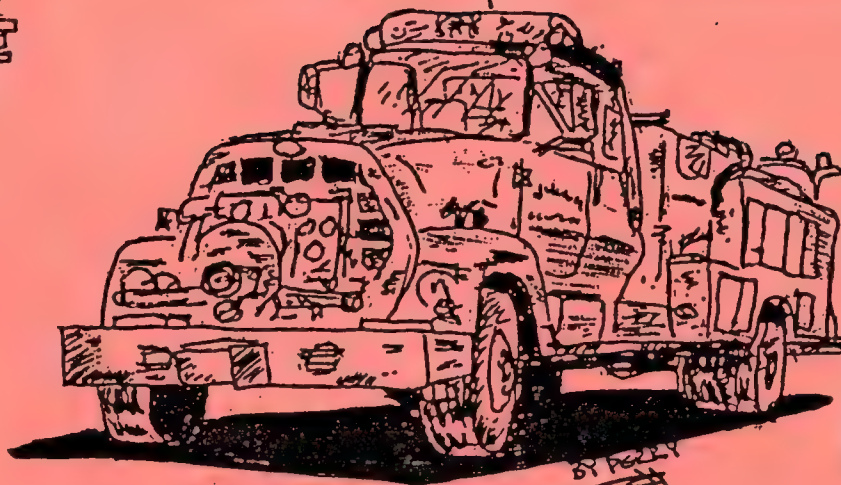
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April 5, POSSIBLE Budget Committee  
April 6, Parks and Recreation Committee  
April 12, Planning Commission  
April 19, Town Council  
April 26, POSSIBLE Budget Committee

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### THE LAST DAYS OF THE OLD SEWER

Residents in Hammond's Fort Stevens area will receive official notice that the old sewer system will be temporarily closed off, June 1. All residents in the area were required by law to connect their sanitary systems to the new sewer when it was installed in 1980. But many have continued to use the old system to carry off rain water.

Time has taken its toll on the old pipes. Several times last winter sewage and water backed up into basements and area streets. As a result, it was discovered that at least two houses were not connected to the new system and were flushing their toilets into the old one, in violation not only of Hammond's ordinances, but of the DEQ's as well.

Those situations have been remedied. (And we are considering a Distinguished Service Medal for Public Works Director Ken Smith, his assistants, and Councilmember John Shepherd.) If there are other violations, as yet undiscovered, they will show up when the old sewer is plugged. So, if you're not absolutely certain that you are properly connected and inspected, this is the time to find out. It will be simpler and cleaner and cheaper to take care of the matter before there is a smelly scandal in your basement or back yard.

The problem with what to do with rain water has still to be solved. Individual householders may want to dig their own drainfields to handle the winter rains. Or we may have to consider a new ditching system, which will cost money that--since the defeat of the road levy--the Town does not have.

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This month's masthead is the artwork of Hammond resident Perry Grant, who is a member of the Hammond Fire Department and an employee at the Mooring Basin. We'd like to feature other Hammond artists as well, so if you'd like to see your artwork shown on one of our issues, please send it to the HAMMOND TOWN CRIER, P.O. Box 161, Hammond, Oregon 97121. Artwork should be no larger than 8" x 3", and in pencil or black ink please.

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## HAMMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hammond Fire Department urges you to take special care with small electrical appliances by unplugging them when not in use. The reason for this advice was demonstrated in the recent Kienow's grocery store fire in Beaverton. The cause of this devastating fire was an overheated coffee maker that was left turned on overnight.

A house in Astoria was destroyed by fire last year and the cause was listed as a rechargeable flashlight that was plugged in to constantly charge. These small appliances may develop an electrical short or overheat and fail to trip the breaker or blow the fuse in your electrical panel, thus creating a fire hazard.

The Hammond Fire Department suggests that you unplug your toaster, coffee maker, toaster oven, etc. when you are through using them. Also, avoid continual charging of rechargeable items such as flashlights and power tools. The cords on electrical appliances should be checked for cracks and wear and replaced if necessary. Finally, when buying a new appliance, look for one with an automatic, timed shut-off feature in case you forget.

### WADE TUCKER, FIREFIGHTER

This month's Hammond Fire Department profile is of Firefighter Wade Tucker. Wade joined the department in February, 1982 in order to meet new people and get involved in the community. In his spare time he enjoys golfing, hunting, fishing and wood crafts. Wade is employed by the City of Warrenton Department of Public Works and live in Hammond with his wife Jodi and sons Kris and Nicholas. John Shepherd, Jr.

### IS THERE JUNK IN YOUR YARD?

Hammond's Ordinance 87-2 states, "No person, or the agent or employee of any person, shall deposit or keep any accumulation of junk out of doors on any street, lot or premises within the town,...in a manner which is... unsightly or creates an offensive odor, or which interferes with the enjoyment of or reduces the value of property within the town....The term 'junk' includes all old or discarded items including but not limited to motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, machinery, machinery parts, appliances or parts of appliances, iron or other metal, glass, paper, old lumber, old wood (other than stacked firewood), or other waste or discarded material."

### LESLIE SHEPHERD, CERTIFIED MUNICIPAL CLERK

On March 18, 1988 Town Clerk Leslie Shepherd was awarded the designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. "This prestigious award recognizes the professional competency of Leslie Shepherd in fulfilling the responsibilities and duties of her office. It is granted only after a person has met the high educational, experience, and service requirements established by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Such requirements are regularly updated to keep pace with the changing local government scene." Ms. Shepherd has been the Town Clerk since 1983, and is only the 7th Municipal Clerk in Oregon to achieve this degree. Congratulations Leslie!

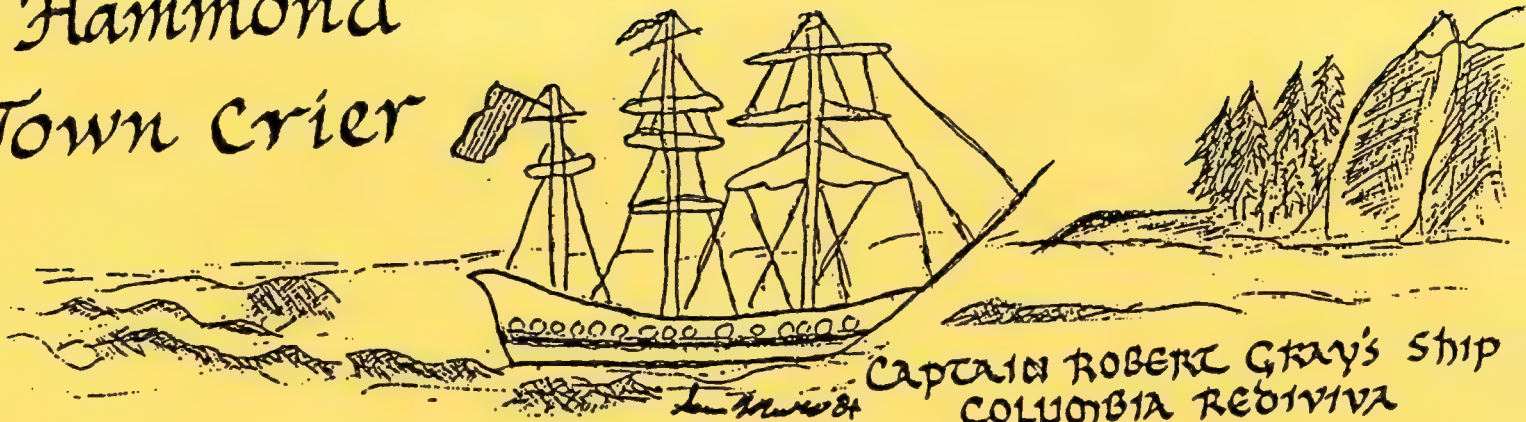
### HARBORMASTER'S NIGHTMARE COMES TRUE!

Recently Ken Smith dreamed that he came into town and discovered people all up and down the median strip selling ham and eggs of all kinds and description (obviously inspired the the well know play on words of the town's name.) The Town Clerk and Parks and Recreation Committee thought it was a great idea and decided to make Ken a prophet. So, on the first weekend of the Buoy 10 fisherv, the Parks and Recreation Committee, with the Fire Department, plan to put on the HAMMONDEGGS COHO BREAKFAST as a fund raiser. It will be a breakfast of "HammondEggs On A Bun" served with coffee and juice in the wee small hours of the morning to the hungry anglers lined up waiting to launch their boats.

The Council, at its last meeting, reinstated a pyament of \$400 from Hammond's Parks and Recreation fund to the Warrenton-Hammond Parks and Recreation Summer Program. Warrenton has promised to reinstate their payment of \$1200 to the program as well. These funds help defray costs for a whole summer of baseball fun for our children. 25 Hammond girls and boys will benefit. Peanuts, popcorn anyone? Stephanie Hampton



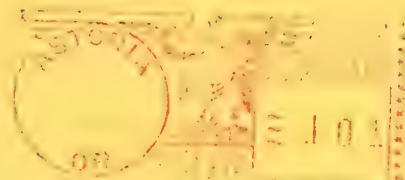
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## NEWS IN GENERAL

Preliminary plans for the new water and sewer lines, new docks, and new restrooms at the Mooring Basin are available for review at Town Hall. Final plans will be drawn up very soon, so if you'd like to make suggestions for change, please come by Town Hall before Friday June 3, 1988.

PAVING OF IREDALE STREET IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE FIRST PART OF JUNE!

The Fire Department responded to four medical calls and 1 fire call in the month of April. There are now seven firefighters qualified as Hazardous Materials Technician I. We will continue with firefighter profiles in next month's newsletter.

The Parks and Recreation Committee has announced that the Second Annual Hammond Family Picnic and Salmon Barbeque will be held Saturday August 6, 1988. More details will be available at a later date, so mark your calendar and come help us make it even a bigger success than it was last year!

## JUNE MEETINGS

Wednesday June 1 Parks and Recreation  
Tuesday June 14 Planning Commission  
Tuesday June 21 Common Council

All town meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m.

  
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This month's masthead is the artwork of Sam Muro, a student in Marilyn Denny-Floyd's art class at Warrenton-Hammond High School.



## SEAFARERS MEMORIAL

### Columbia River Heritage Project Number One

On May 11, 1988 Mayor Janet Stevenson and Nancy Carruthers attended the first meeting of the Columbia River Heritage Project representatives in Columbia City. The following presentation was received with much excitement by the other Columbia River communities:

The bar of the Columbia River has been called the Graveyard of the Pacific. Few places in the world have so awesome a reputation among watermen. And considering the number of lives that have been lost here over the past two centuries, it is surprising that there is no monument dedicated to those whose lives have been sacrificed to the great river and the sea it flows into here.

The Town of Hammond has committed itself to erecting such a memorial, in time for the celebration of the bicentennial of Captain Gray's discovery of the mouth of the Columbia.

There is no site on either side of the river as well situated as this for such a memorial. Named Point Adams by the first Americans to chart the mouth of the great river, this was - until the building of the jetties extended Clatsop Spit seaward - the last land on the Oregon side. It is defended by a sea-wall against the action of tides, currents, and waves, but exposed to the winds that sweep in from the Pacific or down the gorge of the Columbia. The maritime commerce of the entire world passes up and down a dredged channel a few hundred yards offshore, intermingled with fishing, naval, scientific research vessels, and pleasure craft of all sizes and types.



In good weather and bad, uncounted hundreds of visitors come here to watch the river traffic and to enjoy the magnificence of the view. With the installation of the memorial it will become a pilgrimage destination not only for those who sail in great waters, but also for those who mourn loved ones lost in them.

Hammond's commitment to the project is deep. Its past and present - and perhaps its future - are inextricably bound up with the challenge and the dangers of the bar. The Town's most prosperous days were those when it served as a base for construction of the South Jetty. The Town's most prominent building was once the Coast Guard's Life-Saving Station. Many of Hammond's citizens have served in the Coast Guard; many more own debts of gratitude to it. Many earn their living by risking their lives on the still treacherous bar. Although seafarers from all the maritime nations of the world have been lost here, Hammond has lost more in proportion to its size and been involved in more rescue efforts - successful or unsuccessful - than any other community in the region.

Stanley Wanlass, nationally and internationally recognized for his work in bronze sculpture, makes his home in the area and has been involved in the evolution of the design concept from its beginning. The final version of that concept is a single male figure of heroic proportions, based in the water 50 to 100 yards off shore, where the tide will rise and fall, never completely releasing nor completely covering it. Remote from the land and its concerns, the figure will face toward the sea of which he is now a part. Two narrow walkways will accommodate those who are willing to "earn" a closer view by braving with windy loneliness in which the figure stands.

Behind it, on the land, a portion of the Viewpoint Park will be separated from the picnic area and parking space, to serve as a place for individual meditation or for memorial services. The ambiance will be natural and uncluttered except for a bronze relief of the bar and a plaque recognizing the nations and services that have contributed significantly to the effort.

Our hope is to unveil this major piece of public art on May 11, 1992, two hundred years to the day after Captain Gray eased his ship Columbia Rediviva into the safe waters inside the bar.

Oregon and Washington are co-operating in a regional effort to celebrate that event, and Hammond's proposal has been designated Columbia River Heritage Project Number One.

WANTED: Volunteer typist for a few hours each week. If you can type and would like to learn how to use a word processing program please contact Leslie Shepherd at Town Hall, 861-2712 between 8:00 and noon weekdays. By helping us with typing and photocopying, we can help you sharpen your office skills. Hours are flexible but would prefer Thursdays and/or Fridays.





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## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parks and Recreation Wednesday July 6, 1988  
Town Council Tuesday July 19, 1988

## THE BATTLE OF THE BULK-MAILING RATE

This was to be the last month that the Hammond Town Crier was to come to you courtesy of Pacific Power, but thanks to Timber Stevens our local electrical utility will be paying for the postage for the rest of 1988!! We want to express once more our gratitude for their support during the past six months. We've been trying to use that time to persuade the authorities that determine who shall get the low non-profit bulk mailing rate and who shall not, that a small town is non-profit by definition, and that we really need a financial break to be able to communicate directly with the citizens of our Town.

Up until now it has been a Catch 22 situation. The Post Office says it wasn't their regulations, but a law passed by Congress that denies us the privilege that is extended to fraternal organizations, labor unions, agricultural committees, etc. Our Congressman, Les AuCoin, assigned a member of his staff to look into the question. We now know that bill number HR 1072 has been introduced and is now being reviewed by a subcommittee on postal operations.

## THREE COUNCIL POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT

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This month's masthead is the artwork of your Deputy Town Clerk, Trish Garrett.



## PAVING OF IREDALE DRIVE COMPLETED

The paving project on Iredale Drive, which was funded by a grant from the State Highway Division, was completed this month. Now 22 to 24 feet wide, and 1600 feet long, this street project didn't cost the Town of Hammond a penny. Instead, the state got a bill for \$23,102.42. By finishing the job before June 30, Hammond is now eligible to receive a similar grant in 1989. The application will be a request to fund resurfacing of Lake Drive from Pacific Drive to the viewpoint.

## HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The month of June has been mostly quiet for the Hammond Fire Department. As of June 22 we did have one small house fire and one medical rescue call.

Patient Update: Mr. Bill Curnow, who received head injuries in an apparent fall in his garage on May 26 is now recuperating at home.

Firefighters have devoted quite a bit of time to training lately. Les Morgan, John Shepherd, Jr. and Leslie Shepherd traveled to North Bend Washington on June 5 for an 8 hour Burn-to-Learn class at the Washington State Fire Academy. The class was all hands-on training which included safely attacking numerous controlled fires set in special burn rooms. "Live fire" training such as this is dangerous to duplicate in the old houses the department usually burns. All three firefighters said that the training value was exceptional and quite a workout, too.

Several Hammond firefighters attended a burn-to-learn put on by the Warrenton Volunteer Fire Department on June 11. Lt. Ed Bussert filmed the burn with his video camera so that other firefighters could observe how the fire moved through the building and how firefighting procedures could be improved. Ed also filmed a car fire drill that Hammond held last Thursday. The Department wishes to thank Larry Adams for the donation of a vehicle which he allowed us to burn under very realistic conditions.

## FIREFIGHTER TONY YOUNG

This month's firefighter of the month is Tony Young, who was originally from Burns, Oregon and moved to Hammond after his discharge from the Navy in 1982. He joined the fire department in 1986 because he thought he would enjoy the excitement of firefighting and wanted to help people. Tony is pleased with the continual training he receives, and is looking forward to receiving medical training so he can respond with the rescue team as well as the fire department. In his spare time Tony enjoys metal detecting, hunting and fishing. He is employed by Safeway in Astoria and lives in Hammond with his wife Julie and their children Natalie and Jonathan.

## COMPANY'S COMING!

In order to help tidy up our town, arrangements have been made with a local wrecking yard to tow away any unwanted or abandoned vehicles for free. We'd like to spruce up the town a bit before the onslaught of tourists hit, so if you have a vehicle or vehicles you would like to have disposed of please call Hammond Town Hall at 861-2712 to make arrangements. A deadline for vehicle removal has been set for July 11, the beginning of the ocean salmon season.

## UPDATE ON THE PLUGGING OF FT. STEVENS' SEWER

The old sewer line in Ft. Stevens has not been plugged yet because of our wet spring. Ken Smith says he hopes to have it sealed off and tested sometime in the next couple of weeks.

## HAMMOND'S SALMON BARBEQUE AND FAMILY PICNIC

The date for Hammond's second annual Salmon Barbeque and Family picnic is set for Sunday August 7, 1988. Bring your family and friends for a great meal and good company. (More) details concerning what to bring and where to gather will be covered in next month's newsletter.

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## FT. STEVENS JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Hammond firefighters had concluded their Thursday night drill only two hours before an alarm was turned in for a structure fire at the Ft. Stevens Junior High School. First on scene was Fire Chief Mark Simonsen, who immediately requested mutual aid assistance from the Warrenton and Lewis & Clark fire departments. Due to the size of the fire and the danger of the partially demolished building, Chief Simonsen ordered that no firefighters enter the structure. All the available hydrant water was used to contain the fire and keep it from spreading to nearby buildings. One Hammond truck drove around the parade ground area to wet down the roofs of homes. Firefighters also went door to door warning people of the possible danger from asbestos being carried in the smoke from the building.

Hammond firefighters stayed on scene until 7:00 Friday evening pouring water on the smoldering remains. Part of Pacific Drive was closed due to the potential danger from several brick chimneys left standing. The cause of the fire has been listed as undetermined.

The Ft. Stevens Junior High School building was originally constructed in 1899 by the U.S. Army as a barracks. It was deeded to the Warrenton-Hammond School District by the Federal Government in 1969 and served as a school until 1981. A fire in February, 1977 had seriously damaged the south portion of the building from the first floor to the attic. Coincidentally, the 1977 fire also occurred on a Thursday drill night.

**Other Fire Department News:** Burning permits are required unless you are burning in a metal container with a 1/4" wire mesh screen on top and have a hose and shovel nearby. Permits are free, and available at Hammond Town Hall.

Since June 22 fire department personnel responded to 1 car fire, 2 structure fires, 1 unattended burn, 1 mutual aid stand-by for Warrenton, and 3 medical rescue calls.

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This month's masthead is the artwork of Fire Dept. Lieutenant, Ed Bussert.





#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Hammond Town Picnic and BBQ, Sunday August 7, 1988  
The Planning Commission may meet on Tuesday August 9, 1988.  
Town Council Tuesday August 16, 1988.

#### THREE COUNCIL POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT

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#### HAMMOND TOWN PICNIC AND BARBECUE

The second annual Hammond Town Picnic and Salmon Barbecue is set for Sunday August 7, 1988 from 3:30 to 6:00 at the Fort Stevens Historical area (in the old powerhouse, if it rains). We will have plenty of delicious barbecued salmon, corn-on-the-cob, garlic bread and orange drink - all for a small donation to the Parks and Recreation Committee: adults - \$5.00 and \$2.00 for kids under 12. Children under 6 are free when accompanied by an adult. Salads and desserts are potluck as last year, and we hope to see many of our delicious favorites again! (Please remember to tape your name to your dish or bring your yummy contribution in a disposable dish.)

Special thanks go out this year to Point Adams Packing Plant, which is donating 50 pound of fresh salmon, and to Claude Winlund, who is painting a permanent picnic sign for us to use in the years ahead. We still need volunteers to act as cashiers and corn shuckers; if you can help, give Stephanie Hampton a call at 325-5411 (days) or 861-3739 (evenings). See you at the picnic!

#### HAMMOND JOINS WARRENTON IN PROTEST AGAINST GERRYMANDERING

"Gerrymandering" is defined in Webster's Third International Dictionary as "dividing election districts in an unnatural and unfair way", and that is the basis on which Warrenton and Hammond last week challenged the proposed division of Clatsop county into districts from which commissioners are to be elected under the new Home Rule Charter.

The districting plan tentatively adopted by the present Board of Commissioners would divide both Warrenton and Seaside into two parts, linking each part with areas they have little in common with. Whereas the purpose of nominating commissioners from different geographical districts was to insure that all parts of the county be represented, under this plan it was possible for three Astoria residents and two Seaside residents to be elected, leaving the rest of the county unrepresented. Also, the plan would split precincts (for this election only), and past experience has shown that changes in polling places creates confusion and hardship for voters with transportation problems.

Opposition to the Commissioners' plan has been strong in Warrenton and in the East County area. An alternate plan was offered at the first districting public hearing (July 13) by Svenson residents, Marcia and Geoff Stone. Under this, "natural" units like Warrenton/Hammond/Clatsop Plains were united, and thus assured of a representative. Warrenton's representatives at the hearing argued for the Stones' plan, but the Commissioners were not persuaded.

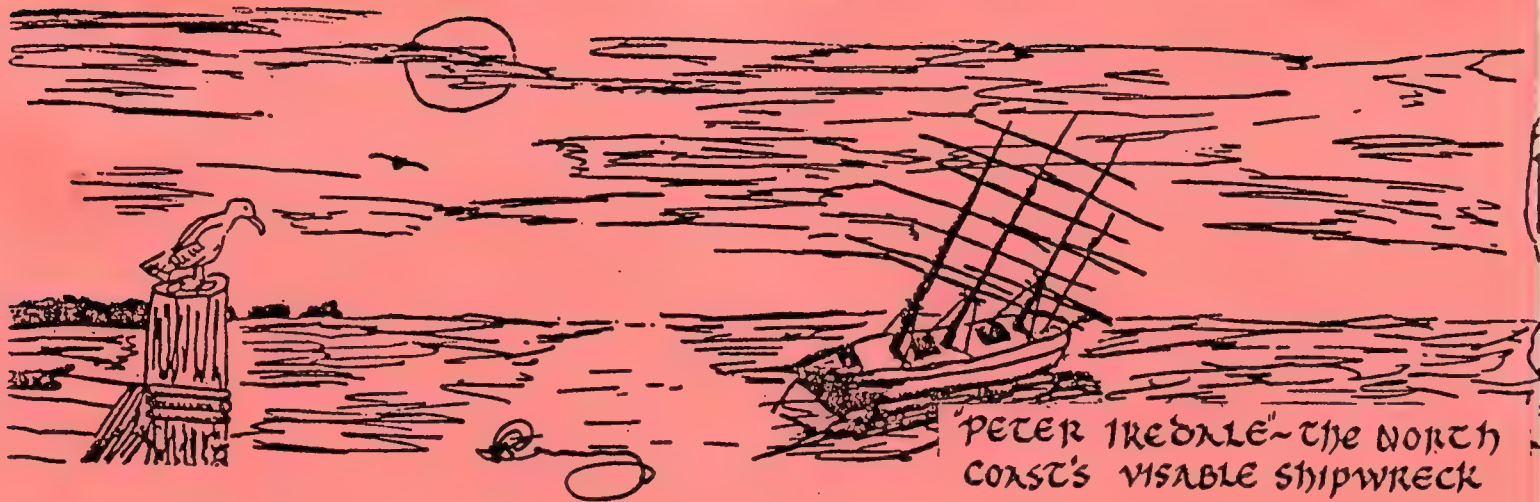
Then County Clerk Lori Davidson offered a similar plan that did not split any precincts and came closer to equalizing the number of voters in the five districts. Warrenton's City Council officially adopted this plan at their last meeting and directed their attorney, Hal Snow, to argue for its adoption at the second and final public hearing, July 27.

At its meeting July 26, Hammond's Town Council also voted to endorse the Davidson plan. By the time this newsletter reaches you, the Commissioners will have made their decision. We hope it is one that assures that Warrenton/Hammond/Clatsop Plains has a representative on the new Board.



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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Planning Commission Tuesday October 11, 1988, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council Tuesday October 18, 1988, 7:00 p.m.  
All meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive

#### CLAREESE MCMAKIN APPOINTED TO COUNCIL

At the September 20 Council meeting, Mayor Stevenson appointed Clareese McMakin to fill the one vacant Council position. Clareese was appointed because she was almost the only candidate to be listed on the November 8 ballot. She was the only resident interested enough to file for the post, and she turned in 23 signatures (three more than the required 20) but only 17 were valid. Since there wasn't enough time to gather more signatures before the filing deadline, her name will not appear on the ballot for Position #1 and so write-in votes will be necessary to keep her in that position.

#### SCHOOL BUS STOP LOCATION CHANGED

At the request of the mothers of children who catch the school bus at the intersection of Iredale and Pacific, the Council granted permission for a shelter to be placed on town property, in front of the lawn on the east side of the Town Hall. Parents cited safety as their major concern, as Pacific and Iredale is one of the busiest intersections in town; protection from the wind and rain is another reason for the requested shelter. In past years, children have been waiting for the bus at the U.S. Post Office on Pacific Drive, but at the request of Rosalie Rogers, who owns that property, the school district moved the bus stop across the street. Then the children had to stand in a major intersection, with no protection whatsoever from the elements. (At the Post Office they were allowed to stand under the porch, but not to enter the lobby.)

Parents of these children are planning to donate building materials, and the shop at the high school will construct the shelter, which will then be placed at the Town Hall site.



### THREE COUNCIL POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER 8 BALLOT

Three Town Council positions will be on the General Election ballot for November 8, 1988. Position #1 is now held by Clareese McMakin. Position #2 is now held by Jo Adams, and Position #3 is now held by Butch Fletcher. Ms. Adams and Mr. Fletcher have filed for re-election, and new Council member Clareese McMakin will be running as a write-in candidate for Position #1.

### BICYCLE MANNERS

Biking has always been big in Hammond. Twelve years after the bicentennial bicycle trail was established, bikers from every state in the union still pass through our town on their way down (or up) the coast. Bike paths through Fort Stevens State Park are used by visitors to the park and local people alike. Since the new path and bridge over Swash Lake were connected to the old network, Hammond has become a mecca for holiday bikers.

This sudden growth spurt has created some minor problems that need to be addressed before they turn into major ones.

A) Bikers need to remember that they are governed by the same rules of the road that apply to motor vehicles. They have to obey stop signs and red lights, stay in the bike lane where there is one, and on the right side of the road where there is no lane, or on the bike paths. It may not be against the law to block a path while you stop for a drink or to adjust your backpack, but it's not good manners.

B) There are as yet no laws requiring bikers to wear helmets or other protective gear, but a tragic accident on the other side of Young's Bay reminds us that biking can be dangerous. Especially to the unprotected head.

C) A new type of "unmotorized" vehicle appearing on roads leading into Fort Stevens and on the bike paths is causing concern. The low-slung tricycles with angled rear wheels, popular with the younger set, are extremely hard to steer, take up more room than ordinary two-wheelers, and go very slowly. Bikers rounding a curve at a good clip have been suddenly confronted with what amounts to a road block. Other communities have been forced to outlaw these three-wheelers except on public beaches. We hope not to, but if there is an accident, such a proposal will certainly come before the Council.

Meanwhile, what is sometimes called "common courtesy" (although it isn't as common as we wish it were,) would go a long way to easing the situation.

### FIREFIGHTER LESLIE SHEPHERD

This month's firefighter profile is of Leslie Shepherd, who was originally from Brownsville, Oregon and moved to Hammond in 1982 after her marriage to John Shepherd, Jr. She joined the fire department in 1983 in order to become more involved with her new community and to spend more time with her husband. Leslie is our only woman firefighter, and in 1985 became a certified First Responder and is now a Team Leader for Hammond Rescue. In her spare time, she likes to travel throughout Washington and Oregon with her family to participate in organized walks known as volksmarches; Leslie is employed by the Town of Hammond as Town Clerk/Recorder and lives in Hammond with her husband John and their daughter, Sarah.

### OCTOBER 24 - UNITED NATIONS DAY

To help mark the 43rd birthday of the United Nations, Mayor Janet Stevenson has appointed Colleen Simonsen as U.N. Day Chair for Hammond. The themes for the 1988 U.N. Day programs are "U.S. Priorities for More Effective U.N." and celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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This month's masthead is the artwork of Mark Cheney.

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Pt. Adams Coast Guard Station  
(now NMFS office) as seen from  
the Hammond Harbormaster's Office



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

General Election - Tuesday November 8, 1988, Philadelphia Church  
Planning Commission - Tuesday November 8, 1988, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday November 15, 1988, 7:00 p.m.  
All meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive

## CANDIDATE PROFILES

At the September 20 Council meeting, Mayor Stevenson appointed Clareese McMakin to fill the one vacant Council position. Her name will not appear on the ballot for Position #1 since she did not gather enough signatures before the filing deadline. Write-in votes will be necessary to ensure her continued service as a council member.

Clareese has lived at 580 Russell Place with her husband Allan and their three children since January, 1985. She enjoys being a housewife and mother, and is a member of Friends of Old Fort Stevens and the Clatsop Economic Development Committee. She wants to draw more youth oriented opportunities to Hammond. In particular she'd like the town to acquire the baseball field below the old Junior High building; rebuild the field for Hammond's residents and add a park and playground area for the little kids, too.

Jo Adams is running unopposed for Council Position # 2. She lives at 672 7th Avenue with her husband Corkey. Jo works as secretary and bookkeeper for Carruthers Equipment Co., and is co-owner of Corkey's. She is a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Astoria Area Chamber of Commerce and has been a member of the town council since September 19, 1986. She says that she loves to be involved in government on the local level and is hoping to see more townspeople involved in our community.

Butch Fletcher, 1080 King Salmon Place is running unopposed for Council Position #3. Butch has lived in Hammond since January, 1986 with his wife and daughter. He is Purchasing Manager for Ag-Bag, Corp. in Astoria. He has been a member of the council since November 12, 1986. He is a volunteer fire-fighter and represents Hammond on the Clatsop Economic Development Committee. Butch says he would like to see the master plan for the mooring basin become a reality and will work hard toward the goal of Hammond's economic growth.



In summary, Position #1 - write-in candidate Clareese McMakin.  
Position #2 - Jo Adams is unopposed.  
Position #3 - Butch Fletcher is unopposed.

ALSO don't forget that one of Hammond's own is running unopposed for a seat on the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners - Richard Carruthers.

#### HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT SEEKS RECRUITS

The Hammond Volunteer Fire Department is actively recruiting new members. Due to the normal attrition rate of volunteers, our ranks have been reduced to a bare minimum. We wish to add several new members and begin training them immediately.

One concern may be that being a member of the Fire Department takes too much time. Our weekly Thursday night drills usually last only two hours and attendance at other classes, training, or burn-to-learns is strictly voluntary. While we encourage regular drill attendance, we also realize that family and job commitments come first. Efforts are always made at fire scenes to release firefighters as soon as possible so they may return to their home or work.

The Hammond Volunteer Fire Department answers fire and rescue calls within the 1 1/2 square mile area of the Town of Hammond. We also respond to fire calls in several surrounding fire districts through a county mutual aid plan. Our department operates two first line pumpers, a reserve pumper, a salvage/hose truck and a medical rescue van. In 1987 we responded to a total of 45 calls for assistance.

All Hammond firefighters are issued a full set of protective clothing, pocket tools, and a belt pager. The Town also provides Workers' Compensation coverage and a life insurance policy.

We hope that some of you will be able to help us provide a very necessary service to the citizens of Hammond by joining the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department. If you would be interested in joining either now or in the future, please phone Fire Chief Mark Simonsen, 861-1493, Assistant Chief Flint Carlson, 861-2789, firefighter John Shepherd, Jr., 861-3104 or Hammond Town Hall, 861-2712.

#### DITCHES

Please help keep Hammond's drainage ditches clean and flowing freely by not disposing of your grass clippings, brush trimmings and other debris in them. Not only do they clog up the system, but we have to pay town employees to get down in there and clean them out.

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Rumor has it that the fish biologists expect a surge of coho salmon to come up the river in November!

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The Town Council has recently been using letterhead designed by Nancy Carruthers, and because we like to change it from time to time a contest is being held for a new logo. As yet, a prize has not been determined, but if you would like your design to be considered, bring it to Town Hall with your name, address and phone number. The drawing should be in ink on white paper no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches. The deadline for submission of entries is November 30, 1988.

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# HAMMOND TOWN CRIER

November/December, 1988

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Public Hearing: Housing Rehabilitation Grants - Tues. December 1, at 7:00 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday December 13, 1988, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday December 20, 1988, 7:00 p.m.  
All meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive

## HAMMOND VOTES !

Oregon led the nation in percentage of registered voters who actually used their privilege. And Hammond beat the state average of 82% turnout with a smashing 85% of our 303 registered voters. Is that why CBS had an exit pollster hanging around Precinct 27's polling place?

The most controversial issue on the ballot was whether or not to repeal the Home Rule Charter that was voted in on the May ballot. Home Rule was affirmed by 136 to 100 (56.5% to 43.5% which is close to the county average).

Hammond resident Richard Carruthers ran unopposed for Position #1 on the new County Commission and won 211 to 0. Position #2: Pat Wallace, 89 to 55 for John Pincetich. (In the county as a whole Wallace won by a mere 25 votes.) Dave Heich was a poor third in Hammond as elsewhere. Position #3: Again, as Hammond went, so went the election. Blair Heningsgaard won over Steve Kotaniemi by 98 to 42. Position #4, was won by Vickie Barrett over Craig Holt 133 to 52. Position #5 is held by incumbent Debbie Boone of Hamlet, who has said she will resign when the Home Rule Charter becomes effective on January 3, 1989. If she does not change her mind, a new commissioner from the southern part of the county will be appointed by a majority of the new Board of Commissioners.

Hammond Town Council. Members re-elected, Jo Adams and Butch Fletcher had no opposition. Clareese McMakin won Position #1 as a write-in candidate, with 37 out of the 42 votes cast.

For President, Hammond voted as Oregon did, for Dukakis - 131, Bush - 104.  
For Congress: AuCoin - 200, Mohander - 50.  
For State Representative: Hanlon - 129, Maki - 119.  
For Supreme Court Justice: Fadely - 106, Cook - 91.



## HAMMOND MAY JOIN WARRENTON IN HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM

A plan whereby homeowners and perhaps landlords may obtain interest-free loans to do needed repairs to their residences will be discussed at a public meeting to be held in Hammond's Town Hall on Thursday, December 1, at 7:00 p.m. Come to listen, ask questions and learn how to apply if you are interested.

## HAMMOND VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

October was a very quiet month for emergency calls in Hammond. Only one fire call was answered for the month and that was a third alarm mutual aid to Astoria. That fire involved a large fisherman's warehouse in East Astoria. There have been two responses in November so far, a chimney fire and one medical rescue call.

Hammond Fire Department members recently met with a representative from the Insurance Services Office to determine an overall rating for the department. Fire Departments are rated on a scale of 1-10 with 1 being the best. Your local fire department rating affects the insurance rates on homes and businesses in the town. Hammond is currently rated a 7 and hopes to drop to a 6 and possibly a 5. The rating is based on many conditions, such as the hydrant system, water supply, method of dispatching, training, fire apparatus and equipment and number of fire personnel that respond. We won't know the results for 6-9 months, but we hope we were able to reduce your home insurance rates.

The Warrenton-Hammond School district has signed over the old Ft. Stevens Junior High gym to the Hammond Fire Department for training purposes and later disposal. Several drills have already been conducted at the building, practicing attack methods and search and rescue techniques. Smoke bombs are being utilized to simulate fire conditions. The department plans to train on the building for several months before burning it down. Hammond residents are asked to be cautious when driving in the area of the gym on our Thursday drill nights, as we must block the street with hoses and vehicles.

Hammond firefighter for the month of November is John Shepherd, Sr. John became a firefighter for the Town of Hammond before there was actually an organized fire department. While stationed at Pt. Adams from 1946-48 he responded to fires with the other Coast Guardsmen. When he returned from college in 1954, he again joined up full time.

While working at Warrenton Electric as an electrician, he was a member of both the Warrenton and Hammond Fire Departments. John served as Hammond Fire Chief for 13 years (1965-78) and as Assistant Chief from 1979-86. He has served as a Hammond Council member for 22 years and as worked as an electrician for 35 years, presently in partnership with his son John, Jr. at Shepherd Electric in Hammond. In his spare time, John and his wife Carol enjoy travelling and visiting their five children, the youngest of which just started college at U of O.

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## HAMMOND IS AWARDED GRANT MONEY - AGAIN!

The Town of Hammond has received another \$25,000 engineering and construction grant from the Oregon State Highway Division's Small Cities Allotment Fund. This year's project will begin at the intersection of Lake and Pacific, and travel north to the west entrance to the launching area, and perhaps as far as the river viewpoint. The 2,560 foot project includes resurfacing and widening to at least 24' with 2 foot shoulders. Construction will be scheduled for early Spring, 1989.

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This months Masthead is a depiction of the Viewpoint - Graphics by Trish Garrett



TOWN OF HAMMOND  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE  
ACTIVITIES SURVEY FORM

We would like to know the interest, skills and ambitions of the people of this Community. Would you take a moment and share with us?

Please indicate if you have any interest in a subject by circling the following sections:

- I - for any area where you have any kind of interest.
- S - for any area where you might have particular skills.
- C - for any area where you children or grandchildren might have an interest or skill.

Please place completed survey in the marked survey boxes at Corkey's or at the Fort Stevens Center.

To know you is to serve you better!

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ART/HOBBIES/CRAFTS

PLEASE CIRCLE "S" IF YOU ARE SKILLED IN THAT AREA AND WOULD BE WILLING TO SHARE YOUR TALENT, CIRCLE "I" IF YOU ARE INTERESTED OR WOULD LIKE TO DEVELOP SKILLS IN THAT AREA, CIRCLE "C" IF CHILDREN IN YOUR FAMILY HAVE ANY INTEREST OR SKILLS IN THAT AREA.

S	I	C	Painting	S	I	C	Rug Making
S	I	C	Decorating	S	I	C	Quilting
S	I	C	Ceramics/Pottery	S	I	C	Stuffed Animals
S	I	C	Woodwork/Carving	S	I	C	Readers Theatre
S	I	C	Photography	S	I	C	Puppet Shows
S	I	C	Cars/Cycles	S	I	C	Childrens Arts/Crafts
S	I	C	Kite Flying	S	I	C	Astronomy
S	I	C	Puppetry	S	I	C	Pet Care/Obedience
S	I	C	Collections	S	I	C	Pet Show
S	I	C	Antiques	S	I	C	Weather Study
S	I	C	Historical Memorabilia	S	I	C	Sewing
S	I	C	Dolls	S	I	C	Knitting
S	I	C	Bottles	S	I	C	Embroidery
S	I	C	Other _____	S	I	C	Crocheting
S	I	C	Basketry				

MUSIC/DANCE

S	I	C	Talent Show	S	I	C	Instrument(s)
S	I	C	Christmas Carroling				Identify: _____
S	I	C	Small Group Singing	S	I	C	Slimnastics
S	I	C	Dancing:	S	I	C	Childrens music
S	I	C	Folk	S	I	C	Barn Dance
S	I	C	Ballet				
S	I	C	Social/Ballroom				
S	I	C	Square				
S	I	C	Clog				



SPORTS/PHYSICAL FITNESS

S	I	C	Baseball	S	I	C	Weight lifting
S	I	C	Softball	S	I	C	Martial Arts
S	I	C	Basketball	S	I	C	Hiking
S	I	C	Volleyball	S	I	C	Canoeing
S	I	C	Soccer	S	I	C	Backpacking
S	I	C	Tennis	S	I	C	Kayaking
S	I	C	Golf	S	I	C	Skateboarding
S	I	C	Jogging	S	I	C	Sailing
S	I	C	Swimming	S	I	C	Fly Tying
S	I	C	Gymnastics	S	I	C	Gardening
S	I	C	Raquetball	S	I	C	Bird Watching
S	I	C	Billiards	S	I	C	Rollerskating
S	I	C	Table Tennis	S	I	C	Bowling
S	I	C	Cycling	S	I	C	Chess/Checkers
S	I	C	Rugby	S	I	C	Other Sports

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HANDYMAN/HOME SKILLS

S	I	C	Mechanics/Cars	S	I	C	Canning
S	I	C	Electricity	S	I	C	Cake Decorating
S	I	C	Painting	S	I	C	Nutrition
S	I	C	Plumbing	S	I	C	Food Storage
S	I	C	Carpentry	S	I	C	Haircutting/Styling
S	I	C	Furniture Finishing	S	I	C	Cosmetics
S	I	C	Sound Systems	S	I	C	Flower Arranging
S	I	C	Cooking	S	I	C	Other:
S	I	C	Catering				

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GENERAL

S	I	C	Genealogy	S	I	C	Salmon Bake
S	I	C	Finance	S	I	C	Candy Pull
S	I	C	Typing	S	I	C	Basket Supper
S	I	C	Teaching	S	I	C	Father-Son Dinner
S	I	C	Travel	S	I	C	Mother-Daughter Dinner
S	I	C	Foreign Language	S	I	C	Table Games
S	I	C	Fairs	S	I	C	Bingo
S	I	C	Book Club	S	I	C	Other:
S	I	C	Garden Club				

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# Hammond Town Crier

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission - Tuesday January 10, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

Town Council - Tuesday January 17, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive

## HARK, HARK, THE DOGS DO BARK

The minutes of the first-ever Hammond Town Council meeting include an item on "dogs creating a nuisance." Whatever else has changed in our town over the last 74 years, this problem has not.

Hammond has a leash law, which is observed by fewer than a dozen of its citizens, but it is enforced only when somebody phones the Animal Control Officer (at the Warrenton-Hammond Police Department) to make a complaint. Mostly we prefer to let sleeping dogs lie, even if it's in the middle of the road. From time to time, however, the chorus of complaints gets loud.

During the past month there have been a number of incidents in which dogs of various breeds (bassetts, retrievers, spaniels, and mixtures) have been chasing bicyclists, on Fifth Avenue near the Mooring Basin, on 7th Avenue near Desdemona, and most frequently in the Ft. Stevens area. One man who was getting out of his van at his own residence was "backed into a corner" by a dog who didn't think the man belonged there.

No one has been injured so far, at least not in Hammond. But a Warrenton dog caused a very serious accident to a bike rider a couple of months ago, and it could happen here any time. Some riders have armed themselves with mace cannisters and "dog dazers" (high frequency zappers). But dog owners who choose to ignore the ordinance about confining their pets should be on notice. The consequences of letting your dog run loose could be a lot rougher than having to put up a fence or tie up your dog.

## NEW FACILITIES AT THE MOORING BASIN

Having ironed out the last permit wrinkle, Harbormaster Ken Smith is beginning to work on the new boat storage facility at the basin. Shortly after the first of the year, there will be a fenced enclosure in which owners of trailerable boats will be able to park them over the winter months. Ken hopes to have 50 slots available in the first phase of this project, and already many of them have been spoken for.



Later in the year, if all goes well, the facility will be enlarged so that sportsmen who are accustomed to trailing their boats back and forth every week during the season, will be able to leave them at the Basin between fishing trips, for a monthly fee to be determined by the size of the boat. There may also be a special break for patrons in the form of a special launching lane. Stay tuned for details.

#### DID YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE GET LOST IN THE CHRISTMAS PAPER GLUT?

Hammond's newest Councilperson Clareese McMakin has not given up hope that her fellow townspeople will get around to filling out the questionnaires we circulated with the last copy of the Town Crier, asking what activities you would like the Parks and Recreation Department to offer, and which you'd be willing to work on.

If you have misplaced your questionnaire, you can get another at Town Hall, which is open week-days except during the new later lunch hour (1 - 2 p.m.). If you haven't lost it but haven't finished it, please take the time to do so now. Leave it at Town Hall. Or at Corkey's. Or at Rosalie's. Clareese will start to collate the answers when she gets enough answers to collate.

#### NEW GRANT PROPOSALS

Last month it was reported that Hammond has won another road-renewing grant of \$25,000, one that will make it possible to repave Lake Drive most of the way from the corner of Pacific Drive to the Viewpoint Park. The award came too late for the work to be done in 1988, but the contracts will be sent out to bid soon, and the work should be completed by June 30, 1989.

Town Clerk Leslie Shepherd, who wrote our last three successful grant applications, has just submitted another, covering the construction of a new road, turnaround, pedestrian beach access, parking area and landscaped viewpoint at the upriver side of the Mooring Basin. But the biggest and best is yet to come. In mid-January, Leslie will submit a proposal to the new Clatsop County Commissioners for inclusion in the Oregon Tourism Alliance's regional strategy for economic development. This \$750,000 project will focus on development of the Mooring Basin as a whole. Included are plans for: construction of new moorage slips, more paved parking for the boating public, resurfacing of the Viewpoint Park parking area, construction of a promenade around the marina, restroom enlargement, addition of new sewer and water lines to serve future commercial development, construction of a building to lease for commercial use, basin dredging, possible mitigation, and improving and landscaping the park area near the proposed Seafarers Memorial.

#### SEAFARERS MEMORIAL GETS GREEN LIGHT FROM THE CORPS

The Army Corps of Engineers, which controls the land adjacent to the submerged area on which the memorial is to be erected, has granted permission to site the statue near the end of the wall of old pilings just downstream from the entrance to the Mooring Basin.

Sculptor Stanley Wanlass has submitted his final sketch, and promises that small models of the figure will be available for sale within a few weeks. Previous Wanlass bronzes, such as the one at Fort Clatsop, were financed in part by the sale of these models, or "maquettes."

The target date for unveiling the memorial is May 11, 1992 -- the 200th anniversary of Captain Gray's arrival in Baker's Bay. The statue will serve as Hammond's contribution to the region-wide celebration of that event, which has been officially declared Columbia River Heritage.

#### HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

Saturday January 7, the fire department took delivery of their new Jaws of Life rescue tool. A demonstration was conducted at the Mooring Basin, and showed how valuable the tool will be in mutual aid responses with our neighboring fire departments and police agencies. More details next month.

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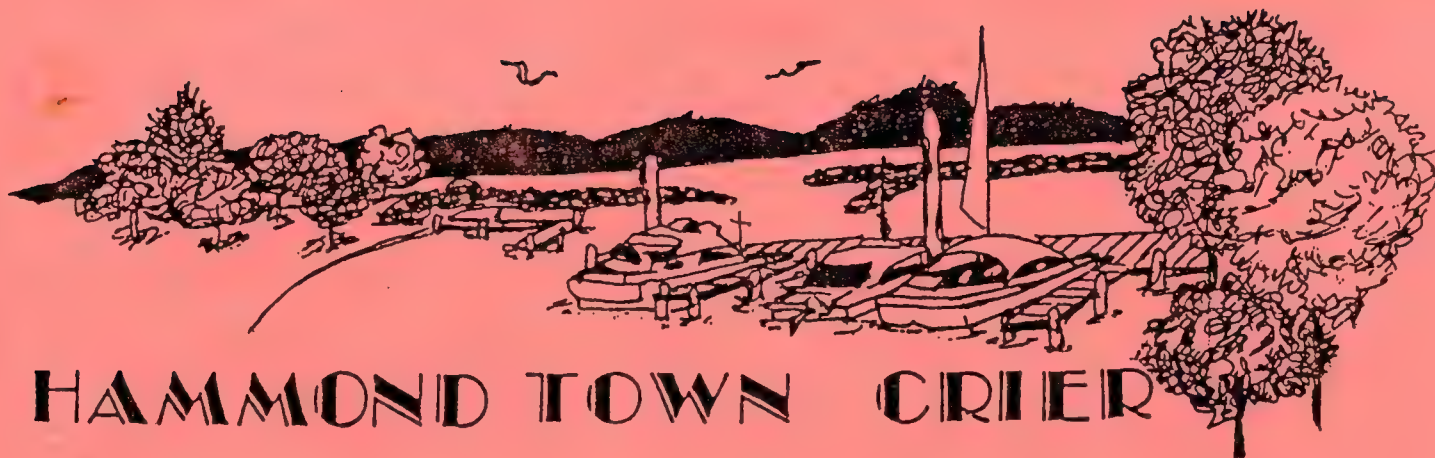


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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission - No meeting scheduled for February.

Town Council - Tuesday February 14, 1989, 7:00 p.m.

Town Gathering - Friday February 17, 1989, 6:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive

#### MORE GRANT SUCCESSES AND PROPOSALS

Another \$9,769 has been awarded to the Town of Hammond! That brings our total up to almost \$70,000 received in the last two years. This money will go towards the paving of the loop road which circles the park at the north end of the marina, and placing base rock and gravel on the viewpoint parking lot, in anticipation of paving next year. This grant was awarded by the Land Conservation and Development Commission, and is designated for points of public access to waterways.

As many of you may already know, Hammond has moved up a step in attaining \$18,000 for the reconstruction of the fuel dock to accomodate charter fishing vessels. Funding is being requested from the Oregon Tourism Alliance, which determines the distribution of lottery proceeds to Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Clackamas, Yamhill, Washington, Lincoln, and Tillamook counties, and the Port of Portland, Metro Service District, and the City of Portland. A presentation of our request will be given to the OTA Board in Tillamook on February 7, after that, we will know how our project has fared and if funding will be awarded.

#### HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire department has been actively drilling on the old Ft. Stevens Jr. High gym, and plans to burn the structure on February 18. A 3 alarm drill will be conducted involving trucks and firefighters from Hammond, Warrenton, Lewis & Clark, Tongue Point and Astoria.

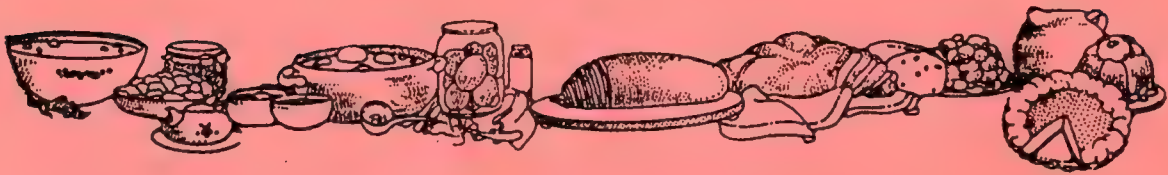
The Hammond Volunteer Fire Department is actively seeking new members, male or female (firefighters are firefighters!) We are presently operating at low manpower levels due to several members leaving the area. If you think you can make a positive contribution to the department, or just want more information, call Town Hall at 861-2712, Mark Simonsen at 861-1493, or John Shepherd at 861-3104.

Helping your community is time well spent.



# Town Gathering

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What better way to celebrate Valentine's week than with a "We Love Hammond" sandwich buffet! Town officials and staff and their families invite Hammond families and friends to the first annual TOWN GATHERING to be held in the Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, February 17, 1989.

There is so much going on here and we have so much to share with all of you. There will be examples and displays of all the recent projects that have been completed or started with the grants and awards the Town has received lately. There will also be illustrations of future plans and dreams. Come and hear the plans for an exciting, mid-summer celebration!

Town Council Members and Planning Commission Members would like to hear your comments and suggestions and will answer as many questions as they can. It's time to get to know each other and your town officials.

This is a gathering for all citizens and their families. All you need to bring is yourselves! Food and beverages will be provided by the Town Parks and Recreation Department.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE CONTACT TOWN HALL at 861-2712 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. (closed between 1 - 2:10 p.m.) or send us a note at P.O. Box 161, Hammond, before Tuesday February 14. We need to keep a record of how many people to expect for the caterer.



*WE LOVE HAMMOND*

## CIVILIAN CONSERVATION CORPS

The Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) has established a program to place the works of the CCC on the National Register of Historic Places, to honor those former 3 million CCC'ers.

The CCC was a Peace Time Army and many a CCC'er gave his life fighting fires or building highways (Florida Overseas Highway). Being listed on the National Register of Historic Places, could be our Vietnam Wall.

We know the names of the National Parks, National Forests, City Parks, County Parks and State Parks that were build by the CCC. Now we need to find out information about them and this can only come from the ones who built them (the CCC). We also need information on the CCC projects programs and the location of CCC camps, who's records have been lost.

Individuals and former CCC'ers in Oregon can help us find this lost information. For those who wish to be a part of this program - please send two (loose) .25 postage stamps and print your name and address on a 3 X 5 card, to CCC, Historic Places, 3623 Rendale Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission - Public Hearing Monday March 20, 1989, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday March 21, 1989, 7:00 p.m.  
Budget Committee - Tuesday April 4, 1989, 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday April 18, 1989, 7:00 p.m.  
All meetings will be held in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive

#### ROAD DISTRICT LEVY ON MARCH 28, VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION

This year the Town Council and the Hammond Road District are asking the voters to approve a one-year operating levy of \$20,350 for the construction of three projects in town:

1. Pave Heceta between 7th and 8th, 8th between Heceta and Iredale, and Iredale between 7th and 8th. Paving this loop will not only improve access to homes already there, but will encourage more residential construction, which will reduce your taxes.
2. Reconstruct the culvert at 7th and Enterprise. This culvert serves most of southeast Hammond storm drainage needs, and is in very bad shape. Because the amount of water that flows under 7th on its way to the river is so great, it has eroded away the sides of the culvert and is beginning to work its way under the roadbed. Concrete walls will be poured on the south side of 7th Avenue on each side of the culvert to create a funnel. The funnel will then allow the water to be directed to where it will make its way under the road without further eroding the road base.
3. Realignment of the culvert at 9th and Lake. This culvert serves the drainage needs of the Ridge Road subdivision and properties east and south of it. Because of incorrect alignment, water now is forced to run uphill to the culvert, it then builds up, waiting for the it's level to reach the level of the culvert. To alleviate this damming problem, the culvert needs to be re-installed and the ditches re-dug so that the water may flow through the culvert naturally.

The completion of these three projects will insure proper drainage for most of Hammond south of Pacific Drive, and will repair three of the worst roads in town. Desdemona Street and the very worst road, Chinook Street, are not scheduled for repairs with the funds provided for in this year's levy, but they will be in the 1990-91 request.



**NEED REPAIRS TO YOUR HOME? FUNDS NOW AVAILABLE, INTEREST FREE!!**

If you have plumbing, wiring, roofing, foundation work, etc. that needs to be done on your home, and can meet certain income requirements, there is funding available to you at **ZERO INTEREST**.

Warrenton and Hammond are the recipients of a Housing Rehabilitation grant that will allow interest free loans of up to \$10,000 for qualified homeowners and rehabilitation projects. Applications will be available in four to six weeks, but you may submit your name and your project before then to Hammond Town Hall, P.O. Box 161, Hammond, Oregon 97121, or phone us at 861-2712.

**HAMMOND TOWN GATHERING A HUGE SUCCESS!**

Our Town Gathering was a rousing success! On Friday evening, February 17th, about 85 people met in the Town Hall with members of the Council and Planning Commission. Due previous commitments out of town, Mayor Janet Stevenson and Council member Dan Van Thiel were unable to attend.

Posters, photos and illustrations of completed and proposed projects, including an illustration of future "dreams" for a completed Marina Complex were hung on the walls and brought about much lively communication between the residents present and the town officials.

A survey form was provided at the registration table. Since the forms were the entry in the door-prize drawing, they were very popular. One of the items specified on the forms was continued publication of the Town Crier newsletter. The response was unanimously positive. The proposal to clean up and improve the baseball field near Ft. Stevens also received a very positive reply. Regarding the possible building of a new Town Hall, the majority favored keeping the architectural style of the present building.

In the general comments section of the survey, many different and good ideas were put forth. One that seemed to be important to a majority present, was the need to clean up the residential areas of Hammond, getting rid of old car bodies and unused appliances. Just as popular, was the suggestion for tighter dog control. Many people were in favor of further expansion and improvements in the downtown area and the Marina, but the feeling was generally for a controlled growth with emphasis on retaining the image of a seacoast town of the late 1800's.

One of the posters at the Town Hall proposed an annual Family Weekend in Hammond with a no-host family picnic and croquet tournament in the Viewpoint park and the establishment of an authorized Volkswalk through Hammond and Ft. Stevens State Park. Winding up the weekend would be the Salmon Barbeque and Town Picnic on Sunday. This proposal was greeted with much enthusiasm. Dates will be announced later.

A corner of the Town Hall was set up for the children for this gathering. In it was a long, child size table with small chairs. One wall was covered with art paper that had been donated by the Warrenton-Hammond Elementary School. Washable Crayola markers were provided and the children created a delightful mural which is now on display.

A delicious light buffet was prepared for the occasion by Marsha Patnode. There was a great variety of goodies and special sandwiches and cookies were made up the the children's table.

To wrap up the evening, Harbormaster Ken Smith and Town Clerk Leslie Shepherd were jointly given the first annual "Sweetheart" award for staff performance and outstanding dedication to the town. Thw "We Love Hammond" celebration was the first of what is definitely sure to become an annual event.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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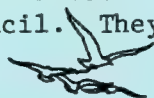
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### POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATE

Cindy Fletcher, Hammond resident, recently graduated third from the top in her class at the Oregon Police Academy, Corrections Division. During the five week course she participated in law classes, physical fitness and agility exercises, defensive tactics procedures and training on the firing range where she averaged 90% accuracy with her service revolver.

She is now serving as a Deputy Sheriff in the Corrections Division of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office where she is responsible for the receiving, booking, and processing of prisoners, as well as food service for inmates at the County Jail and help with transport of prisoners. Her department is charged with all of the care, security and safety of County Jail inmates as well as citizens who visit the facility. Prior to her employment with the Co. Sheriff's Office, Cindy worked for three years as a reserve officer with the Astoria Police Dept. and as dispatcher for Astoria and Gearhart.

Cindy is a native of Seattle, Washington. She moved to Hammond in 1986 with her husband, Butch Fletcher, who is currently serving as a member of the Hammond Town Council. They have a 12 year old daughter, Annette.



HOORAY, THE SUMMER SEASON IS AT OUR DOORSTEP!



### POT HOLES FOREVER?

For the second time in succession Hammond voters have rejected a road levy. That means that badly needed road and drainage repairs must be postponed for another two years. By that time, the pavements and culverts will have deteriorated even more, and the repairs will be more expensive.

Discussions around election time made it clear that there is a lot of confusion about just what the Town's responsibilities are in this regard. Or, to put it another way, which streets are ours, and which are under the jurisdiction of the State or the County Highway dept. Here are some basic facts that you may want to file away for use as a basis for the next pre-election discussion.

#### THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF STREETS/ROADS IN HAMMOND:

- a) State Highway (Pacific Drive): maintained by the State Highway Department and paid for out of state funds.
- b) County Highway (Lake Dr. between Pacific Dr. and the Town limits): maintained by the County Highway Dept. on funds voted on in the county road levy.
- c) All other streets, paved, unpaved, and plotted: must be repaired, renewed and maintained by Town funds.

Repairs for culverts and drainage ditches are also the responsibility of the Town, and two specific culvert repairs (7th Avenue and Enterprise, and Lake Dr. and 9th Ave.) were included in the request that failed to pass.

The Town of Hammond has no tax base for its road department. That means that every time money is needed to do work on roads, etc. the citizens must approve a levy request which is drawn up by the Roadmaster and approved or amended by the Town Council after a public hearing at which citizen input is welcomed.

If you were puzzled about why the pavement was renewed on Iredale between Pacific Dr. and the Mooring Basin, when the existing road was in better shape than many Town streets, it is because grant money was available for public works related to tourism. This spring there will be more paving on the roads leading into the Mooring Basin, because another grant proposal has been approved. If there were grant funds available for repaving Town streets and repairing other public works, we would apply for them. Unfortunately, at this point, there are none.

If you voted against this year's levy because it proposed to fix the pavement in front of your neighbor's house, but not in front of yours, remember that only the "worst cases" were recommended for repair in order to keep the levy request as low as possible. By the time the next levy election rolls around, there will be more "worst cases", the levy request will be larger, and the chances of its passage even slimmer. At some point, Hammond residents have to decide whether they want passable roads and drainable ditches, or whether they are content to see the Town's infrastructure disintegrate.

### SPRING CLEANING

Hammond's yearly influx of tourists are about due and we are scrambling to "redd up" in time to make a good impression on first-comers. As always, a major concern is the entrances to Town on Pacific Dr. and Lake Dr.

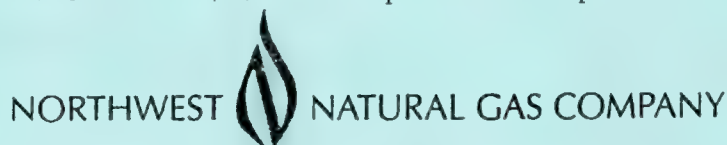
The ramshackle fence around the Town Hall property has been torn down and the two small garden plots at the Town Hall entrance have been replanted with blooming plants. We are hoping for volunteers to renew the planting around the WELCOME TO HAMMOND sign. Point Adams Packing Co. is considering a landscaping plan that will shield their parking lot from motorists on Pacific Dr.

Now it's up to individual householders to meet the challenge. Some of what looks like "junk" to other people may be valuable to its owner. If you have a lot of it, how about erecting a fence or planting a hedge to hide it?

And to the owners of rusting old cars and trucks that can no longer be driven; the ASTORIA WRECKING COMPANY has renewed the offer they made last year. They will come and haul away any vehicle whose owner calls and gives them permission to do so. Let them have it before the rust and berry bushes eat it up!

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This month's masthead is the artwork of Hammond resident, Valerie Carlson, who has depicted the Hammond Fire Dept. burying the old Junior High School Gym.



# HAMMOND

## TOWN

## CRIER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council - Tuesday June 27, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday July 11, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday July 18, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Hammond Town Picnic and Salmon Barbecue - Sunday August 13, 1989

### HAMMOND T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!!

T-shirts in a rainbow of colors are now available for sale at the Hammond Town Hall, Hammond Marina, Corkey's, Fort Stevens Center and Tiki Charters. These beautiful shirts have "HAMMOND, OREGON" printed in bold letters and artist Perry Grant's portrayal of our area's main attractions: salmon fishing, and Fort Stevens State Park.

### COLUMBIA RIVER VIEWPOINT PARK: GRANT PROJECTS - PROGRESS REPORT

Last January the Town of Hammond was awarded a \$9,700 grant from the Land Conservation and Development Commission for the development of our Columbia River Viewpoint Park. The paving of the parking lot and the loop road was completed on Friday June 16th. The rest of the project, new park benches, picnic tables, and landscaping will be completed by the end of June.

We hope you have also noticed that Lake Drive, from its intersection with Pacific Drive, all the way up to the viewpoint has been paved as well. This project was funded by a \$25,000 grant from the State Highway Division's Special Cities Allotment program. For next year, we are requesting funding for the widening and resurfacing of upper Pacific Drive, from Heceta Street to Lake Drive.

### DASTARDLY DUMPING DEMONSTRATES DETECTION DEVICE

Please do not dump your garbage in the Marina dumpsters. Several people have -- and have also been caught. The Marina's surveillance system is now in operation, and from now on the Town will press charges on anyone caught dumping without authorization ... it is a \$1,000 fine!

### FIRE SEASON

Fire Chief Mark Simonsen has declared fire season open as of June 17, 1989. Permits are required unless burning is being conducted in a metal barrel with 1/4" mesh screen over the top. Burning permits are available free of charge at Hammond Town Hall (861-2712), or from Chief Simonsen (861-1493) or Assistant Fire Chief Flint Carlson (861-2789).



## HOUSING REHABILITATION LOAN APPLICATIONS ARE HERE

Applications are now available for Warrenton and Hammond residents who would like to apply for an interest free, \$10,000 housing rehabilitation loan. Stop by the Clatsop Community Action office, in the old Warrenton Coast to Coast store (next to the Barber Shop) in downtown Warrenton, or phone 861-3130 for more information.

## OLD FORT STEVENS JAIL - VISITING HOURS SCHEDULED

The following is excerpted from the Friends of Old Fort Stevens newsletter, In Battery:

Since Memorial Day weekend, the old Fort Stevens Post Guardhouse, located at the intersection of Pacific Drive and Russell Drive, has been open every Saturday and Sunday from noon until 4:00 p.m. Sunday June 18th was their biggest day so far, with 96 visitors taking the tour! Volunteers and State Park personnel have cleaned up the building, and will staff the jail to greet visitors and answer questions. Some historical accounts and displays will be available to help interpret the role of this building on a military post.

The jail will continue to be open on weekends from noon until 4:00 p.m. for the rest of the summer. If anyone has photos, memorabilia or interesting stories about the Guardhouse, please contact the Friends of Fort Stevens, at 861-3127.

## HAMMOND'S FAMILY PICNIC AND SALMON BARBECUE - AUGUST 13, 1989

Hammond's Parks and Recreation Committee has announced that the Third Annual Hammond Family Picnic and Salmon Barbecue will be held Sunday August 13, 1989 at the viewpoint park. The planning has just started, so if you would like to help or need more information, please contact Clareese McMakin at 861-3526. This year the picnic will have plenty of activities for people of all ages. Besides getting the residents of Hammond together for a day of good fun and great food, the purpose of the annual picnic is to raise funds for the purchase of playground equipment.

## MAQUETTE OF SEAFARERS MEMORIAL UNVEILED

The model of Stanley Wanlass' bronze sculpture for Hammond's Seafarers Memorial was unveiled May 11 and was very well received. Bob Crane, a council member from Camas, Washington wrote, "Your part in the Columbia River Heritage Conference was well taken; I'm sure everyone there was enlightened and uplifted by your efforts. best wishes on your sculpturing venture, Hammond, Warrenton and Fort Stevens belong on the map of heritage." The model is now on display at the Columbia River Maritime Museum. The construction of the statue is to be completed May 11, 1992 - the bicentennial anniversary of Captain Gray's discovery of the Columbia River.

## COMPANY'S COMING!

As soon as school lets out, traveling family vacationers begin arriving in Hammond. Because we are the gateway to Fort Stevens, thousands of tourists drive through our town each week. In order to make their stay more pleasant, and encourage them to return, we should try to make Hammond more attractive, a nicer place to visit. For the most part residents have been working hard to keep their yards neat and clean, but the east entrance to town still needs some work. Town employees and many loyal volunteers are helping to keep the small park in good shape, and Point Adams Packing Company is planning on having a laurel hedge planted to screen off their parking lot from Pacific Drive.

Wouldn't it be great if all the residents along Pacific Drive would take an interest in the attractiveness of Hammond and get rid of the old pick-up trucks, cut down some of the brush and do a little litter patrol in front of the houses?

Hammond does have a junk ordinance with a \$500 fine. Junk is defined as: old or discarded items including but not limited to motor vehicles, motor vehicle parts, machinery, machinery parts, appliances or parts of appliances, iron or other metal, glass, paper, old lumber, old wood (other than stacked firewood), or other waste or discarded material.

Maybe it is time to start enforcing this ordinance?

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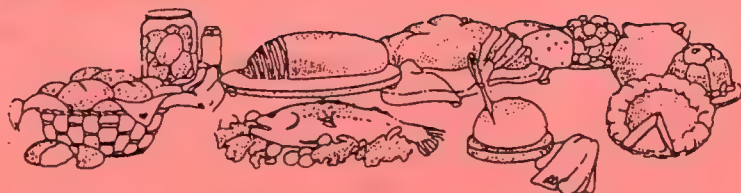
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This month's masthead, a pencil sketch of the old Desdemona Sands Lighthouse is the artwork of Hammond's Deputy Town Clerk, Trish Garrett.



# HAMMOND SALMON FEED

3rd Annual Salmon Bar-B-Q  
And  
Old Fashioned Family Picnic  
*To Benefit Community Recreational Programs*



## HAMMOND TOWN CRIER

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission - Tuesday August 8, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday August 15, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Hammond Town Picnic and Salmon Barbecue - Sunday August 13, 1989

### HAMMOND MARINA POST CARDS NOW AVAILABLE

New, color picture postcards depicting the Hammond Marina and most of the central area of the Town of Hammond have arrived. They have been distributed to many of the stores throughout the county and are also being sold individually at the Hammond Town Hall and Marina Office.

DON'T FORGET, THE HAMMOND T-SHIRTS ARE STILL ON SALE  
AT TOWN HALL, THE HARBORMASTER'S OFFICE AND LOCAL STORES!

### HAMMOND SALMON BARBECUE & OLD FASHIONED PICNIC

The Town of Hammond's 3rd Annual Salmon Barbecue and Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 13th from 3 to 6 p.m. at our newly improved Hammond Marina Viewpoint Park. Salmon dinners will be \$6.00 for adults - Salmon or Hot Dog dinners will be \$2.00 for children ages 6 to 12. The little guys under that age get to have all they want for free!! There will be a dessert potluck, so please bring your family favorite.

An "Old Fashioned Family Picnic" theme is being established this year. Music, games and activities for young and old are planned. There will be fun photo stands and a special play area will be set up for toddlers. Raffles for both adults and children will be held with the drawings scheduled for 5 p.m. at the picnic. Some of the prizes include charter trips, restaurant meals, bicycle rentals and miniature golf games donated by local merchants and organizations.

There will also be a sign up-sheet for anyone who is interested in participating in a Community Crafts Fair, similar to the Crafts Fairs that are held annually in Astoria and Seaside. This proposed First Annual Hammond Fair would be held in late October, or mid-November, 1989. If you have good ideas, come and share them!



## NEW HAMMOND FIRE FIGHTERS

The Hammond Volunteer Fire Department has recently added some new fire fighters to its ranks. Early in the year, Jeff Doughty, Jon Brown and Matt Curnow joined the department and have since been very busy in training activities. These three new members have each put in 50-60 hours of extra training since joining the department. They attended classes at the Washington State Fire Academy and the Clatsop County Firefighters Basic Firefighter Academy. They also attended drills and burn-to-learns in Warrenton, Lewis & Clark and Seaside.

Two weeks ago another firefighter, John DeBonis, was signed up. John was recently discharged from the Coast Guard and has prior firefighter training. He is married to Donnette York and lives in Fort Stevens. Another valuable addition to our ranks was the return of firefighter Don Smith, who also lives in Fort Stevens.

The Fire Department should soon be receiving the results of an insurance rating inspection that was done in October of 1988. Fire districts are rated on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being the best. Hammond is currently a 7, but should go up to a 6 and possibly a 5. Each point raise means lower property owner insurance rates. When the results arrive we will announce any changes in our rating. Each property owner can then contact their insurance agent at the time of policy renewal about lowering their premiums.

In the months of June and July the fire department responded to four fire calls, and twice to Point Adams Packing Company for medical rescue.

Remember - No matter how wet it is, fire season restrictions are still in effect. Permits are required for open burning and 1/4" mesh is required over burn barrels. Burning permits are free, and available at Hammond Town Hall or through Fire Chief Mark Simonsen (861-1493) or Assistant Chief Flint Carlson (861-2789). If you do not get a permit, the Warrenton-Hammond Police Department will write a citation with your name on it!

## TRASH AT THE PARADE GROUNDS?

At their last meeting the Council received a request that a trash can be placed at the Parade Grounds park, as there is apparently getting to be quite a mess down there. The Council discussed the trash problem at length, but decided that in light of the amount of illegal dumping occurring in the dumpsters at the marina, the same abuse would happen at the Parade Grounds too. If everyone who uses the playground would pick up their own litter plus some that isn't their own, perhaps the problem would solve itself.

## "RIVER SHOW" AT RICCIARDI GALLERY

The maquette for the Seafarer's Memorial statue, created by artist Stan Wanlass for the Hammond project planned for the Columbia River Heritage Celebration is completed and has gone into production. The maquette will be showcased during the "River Show" at the Ricciardi Gallery, 108 Tenth Street in Astoria.

The show will run from August 5 through September 1. It will feature local artists in a mixed media exhibition of works inspired by the Columbia River. Hilary Wong's fantasy/reality underwater whale paintings will also be featured.

Orders for copies of the maquette will be taken at the Ricciardi Gallery during the run of the exhibit.

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This month's masthead - graphics for our Salmon Barbecue and Old Fashioned Family Picnic were put together by Deputy Town Clerk, Trish Garrett.





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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council - Tuesday October 17, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
County Commission at Hammond Town Hall - Wednesday October 25, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday November 14, 1989 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday November 21, 1989 7:00 p.m.

## HAMMOND HOMEOWNERS' FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUMS TO BE REDUCED

The Town of Hammond and the Hammond Fire Department proudly announce that the fire insurance protection classification for the Town of Hammond has been improved to Class 5. Formerly Class 7, the new classification will result in a decrease in the fire insurance rates for many insured commercial and residential properties under hydrant protection within the town limits. The new rates will be effective November 1, 1989. The change from Class 7 to 5 does not affect rates for sprinklered properties and some other special scheduled property. Business and home owners are advised to consult their insurance agents for actual premium rate decreases.

## TOWN DEVELOPMENT THEME

Some time ago, the Hammond Planning Commission recommended to the Town Council that Hammond develop an early 1900's theme to reflect the strong sense of community that we are blessed with. Hammond is envisioned as an authentic turn of the century coastal community - subdued and classic. Some examples of this kind of architecture are the Old Coast Guard Station that now houses the National Marine Fisheries, the duplexes at the parade grounds, and Town Hall.

The Planning Commission and Council would like to have examples of the types of buildings that you would like to see in new or modified developments in Hammond. Bring in photos, magazine & newspaper pictures, or sketches. These will be placed on a large display at the Hammond Town Hall to inspire us all. It is the first step toward the goal of community improvement.

## CONTEST TO NAME THE VIEWPOINT PARK

A CONTEST is being held to find a name for the new viewpoint park at the Hammond Marina. Send your suggestion and a brief explanation of why you feel the name is appropriate. Print your name, address and telephone number on the back. Mail to "Viewpoint Park Contest", P.O. Box 161, Hammond, Oregon, 97121. Deadline for entries is Monday November 20, 1989.



Sam McKinney, Coordinator of the Columbia River Heritage Project and Chris Powers, the graphic artist who is preparing materials for the project, were guests at a Town Meeting called to discuss Hammond's part in the 1992 celebration of the bicentennial of Captain Robert Gray's discovery of the mouth of the Columbia River.

Mr. McKinney outlined the general plan of that celebration and the preparations for it, centering around the Lewis and Clark Trail, which stretches from the upper reaches of the Columbia at Umatilla to Hammond, Ilwaco and the bar. The plans include linking cities, parks, and viewpoints in a system of signs that alert visitors to points of interest in each locality. Ms. Powers' design for the logo that will identify Heritage cities and sites was displayed. The reduction is this month's masthead, and a copy is on display at the Town Hall. Mr. McKinney also showed a preliminary sketch of a picture-map and the prospectus of a guide book that will be issued in 1991 for use by the thousands of visitors who are expected to attend the festivities.

Hammond's history and "profile" will be included in the book and the publicity that precedes it, and we will be on the picture-map of the river. Best of all, plans for the celebration of the actual date of Captain Gray's crossing of the bar - May 11, 1792 - will include the unveiling of the Seafarers Memorial, which is Hammond's contribution to the region-wide effort.

A scale-model of the great bronze statue (called a maquette) was on hand for closer inspection by those who didn't see it at Hammond's Family Picnic. Those who still haven't seen it should pay a visit to the Columbia River Maritime Museum, where it is on semi-permanent display. Postcards of the model will soon be available at places where the postcard of Hammond's Marina have been on sale this summer.

The Heritage Committee, which consists of Board members Richard and Nancy Carruthers, Councilpersons Butch Fletcher, Jo Adams, John Shepherd Sr., Mayor Janet Stevenson, and Town Clerk/Recorder Leslie Shepherd voted to recommend to the Town Council that Hammond adopt the proposal made by the Regional Heritage Association to be part of the coordinated effort to develop and publicize the Lewis and Clark Trail.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVES ZONE AMENDMENTS

After their September 12, 1989 public hearings, the Hammond Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval to the Common Council of two amendments to the R-5, Medium Density Residential zone. The Council will hold public hearings on the amendments at their October 17, 1989 meeting.

The first amendment would allow the placement of a golf course as a conditional use. The second amendment would allow the placement of a state licensed recreational vehicle park as a conditional use. Both of these uses, if the amendments are approved by the Common Council, would require that one public hearing be conducted before the Planning Commission before construction could begin.

There are only two sections of town that are zoned R-5: the home/mobile home subdivision on Tyee and First streets, and the land south of 9th Avenue along Lake Drive (Ridge Road) to the south town limits.

In other business the Planning Commission discussed and deemed adequate the Clear Vision Areas section of the zoning ordinance which states that "a clear vision area shall be maintained on the corner of all property adjacent to the intersection of two streets." This area shall contain NO planting, fence, or other obstruction exceeding 30 inches in height measured from the grade. A clear vision area shall consist of a triangular area, two sides of which follow the street right-of-way lines for 30 feet, and the third side of which is a line across the corner of the lot connecting the ends of the other lines.

We all know that there violations of this ordinance exist in town. Some are more dangerous than others. If you know of a dangerous intersection, please phone Town Hall at 861-2712. You may remain anonymous. The town will then take measures to correct the situations.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission - Tuesday February 13, 1990 7:00 p.m.  
SECOND ANNUAL TOWN GATHERING - Saturday February 10, 1990 6:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday February 20, 1990 7:00 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday March 13, 1990 7:00 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday March 20, 1990 7:00 p.m.

## HAMMOND MARINA NEWS

In mid-1989 the Hammond Common Council formally renamed our Mooring Basin the Hammond Marina in order to better reflect the type of facility the town operates. The viewpoint park has also been renamed with Rik (Eleanor) Jones' contribution of the winning name: "Seafarers Park." The Council unanimously voted to adopt her suggestion at their December, 1989 meeting. We hope to have some beautiful signs painted and erected before the 1990 fishing season begins. If anyone would like to submit a logo design, please submit it to Town Hall.

The Marina has received a total of \$90,060 from the Oregon State Marine Board for the expansion of the public restrooms, construction of a fish cleaning station, marine sewage disposal unit, handicapped accessible docks, and paving of the launch ramp maneuvering area. Plans for these improvements will be on display at the Town Gathering, with construction scheduled to begin in the Spring. Many thanks go to Harbormaster Ken Smith, Town Clerk/Recorder Leslie Shepherd, and Mayor Janet Stevenson for their hard work in putting together this funding package.

## RECYCLING ANYONE?

At their January 16 meeting, the Common Council heard a presentation by Doug Thompson, President of Recycle Now, Inc. regarding the possibilities of beginning a recycling program for Hammond. Recyclables would include glass, cardboard, newspaper, tin and aluminum. Mr. Thompson may have enough research completed to present a report and a proposal at the February 20 Council meeting. All those who have opinions about whether or not the town participate in a recycling program are urged to come to the Council meeting, or to phone or write Town Hall with their comments.



## SECOND ANNUAL HAMMOND TOWN GATHERING COMING SOON!

Last year's "We Love Hammond" gathering was the first of what is definitely sure to become an annual event. Please come and join us again to celebrate our community!

Mayor Janet Stevenson and the Common Council extend an enthusiastic invitation to all Hammond residents to attend this event on Saturday evening, February 10th, at 6:00 p.m. in Hammond Town Hall. Members of the Council, Planning Commission and Town staff will be present to answer any questions about how the town operates, where all the grant money is being spent, what is happening at the Marina, which roads are scheduled for repair, and any other topics citizens might wish to discuss.

Beginning at 6:00 p.m. a light buffet and beverages will be served, catered by Hammond resident Trudy Enke. At about 7:00 a short presentation will be given, detailing the events and successes of 1989 and what the Council has set as goals for 1990. Last year, we told of our "dreams" for a completed Marina Complex; this year we will tell you what has been done to see that our dreams come true. Also to be announced are the Council's plans for development of the property at the Hammond Marina. The Council is eager to hear comments and opinions from Hammond citizens regarding the proposed development of a hotel, conference center, restaurant and retail complex.

A corner of the Town Hall will be set up just for the children. One wall covered with art paper, and washable Crayola markers will be provided. Last year's mural remained on the wall for months! As seen through the eyes of our children, the mural really showed visitors to Town Hall how much community spirit there is in Hammond.

Last year, a "Sweetheart" award for performance and outstanding dedication to the town by staff was awarded. This year you may nominate anyone in town: Council members: Mayor Janet Stevenson, John Shepherd, Butch Fletcher, Dan Van Thiel, Jo Adams, Clareese McMakin; Planning Commissioners Richard Carruthers, Tony Wiseman, Roger Stillick, Ken Ponton, Karin Smith, Chuck Rogers, Diana Hilton; Budget Committee members June Spence, Howard Simonsen, David Preston, Steve Simmons. Nominations may be phoned in or turned in to Town Hall.

### T'WAS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY

The first annual Christmas carol party was a success! About 30 people came to Town Hall on Christmas Eve to share in the celebration of the season with each others' company, cookies and hot apple cider. We gathered around the beautiful noble fir tree which was donated by Roberta Anderson, and decorated with ornaments donated by various Hammond citizens. We sang many songs accompanied by Christine Shepherd who played a keyboard which, thank goodness for small miracles, she received 15 minutes before the party as an early Christmas present. After the cookies and cider were gone, and all the songs were sung, everyone went home to enjoy their own families.

### HAMMOND FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS

The annual Hammond Firefighters Banquet was held this year at the Buoy 9 Restaurant and Lounge. An excellent prime rib dinner was served, and Warrenton-Hammond Police Chief Lonny Johnson was the guest speaker. Saying how proud he was to be working with such a progressive department, Chief Johnson praised former Fire Chiefs Howard Simonsen, John Shepherd and Bill Shaw and current Chief Mark Simonsen for encouraging excellence in the department. The level of training, both in fire and medical divisions of the department is excellent and the dedication of all the personnel is to be commended. He also praised the firefighters' spouses for their support of what is sometimes a thankless job.

Thank you, Hammond VOLUNTEER Fire Department! Chief Mark Simonsen, Assistant Chief Flint Carlson, Lieutenant Wade Tucker, Lieutenant Ed Bussert, Jon Brown, Mat Curnow, John DeBonis, Jeff Doughty, Les Morgan, Ted Olson, Debbie Schultz, Jan Schultz, Bill Shaw, John Shepherd, John Shepherd, Jr., Leslie Shepherd, and Don Smith.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Budget Committee - Tuesday April 3, 1990 7 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday April 10, 1990 7 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday April 17, 1990 7 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday May 8, 1990 7 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday May 15, 1990 7:00 p.m.

## NEW HOME REPAIR GRANT PROGRAM

Low income homeowners in Clatsop County may be eligible to receive home repair funds through Farmer's Home Administration's Housing Preservation Grant Program (HPG).

Community Action Team, Inc., a housing assistance provider is applying for HPG Funds for Clatsop County, excluding cities and towns with a population greater than 5,000, which includes all of Clatsop County except within the city limits of Astoria and Seaside.

These funds would be reserved specifically for low and very low income families that could be eligible for an interest free loan with the borrowed amount to be repaid when the property is sold. No monthly payments would be required. 80% or more of the funds will go to homeowners who are VERY low income, the remaining 20% is available to low income households.

Public comment is being solicited by Community Action Team, Inc. and will be accepted until April 9, 1990. A statement of Proposed Activity can be obtained from Community Action Team, Inc. For more information, call or write to Jim Tierney, 474 Milton Way, St. Helens, OR 97051; or Tel: 1-800-922-7379.

## GIFT TO THE TOWN OF HAMMOND

Alvin Jones, 949 Pacific has replaced one of the trees on the median strip that had died with a Flowering Plum Tree. Thank you!



IS YOUR FIRE INSURANCE PREMIUM DOWN YET?  
IT CAN BE !

In October, 1989, the Hammond Fire Department rating was upgraded from a 7 to a 5. This will result in sometimes dramatic decreases in the cost of fire insurance for Hammond residents and commercial enterprises. We have received a letter from the Philadelphia Church regarding their savings:

**FROM THE PHILADELPHIA CHURCH:**

"This is just a note to express our appreciation for the excellent fire protection service that the Hammond Fire Department provides. Our insurance company recently informed us that the new fire rating for the town will mean a reduction in our building insurance for the year to the tune of \$829.00".

If you have not already done so, check with your own insurance agent to see if the rating change helps to lower your fire insurance!

**ROAD DISTRICT TAX FACTS**

Hammond Mayor Janet Stevenson presented information that addresses some of the concerns voiced by Hammond citizens about Road District Funds in a recent Guest Commentary in the Columbia Press:

"...Why isn't the fuel tax enough money to meet our needs? - Because the road fund has to cover everything included in the term 'public works:' digging & draining 13 miles of drainage ditches; mowing grassy areas such as Seafarers Park, Ft. Stevens Parade Ground, the median strip, parks, the area around Town Hall; posting and maintaining street signs; buying current for street lights; maintaining two tide boxes; and, of course, paving and maintaining roads that are the Town's responsibility....

...Why were the roads leading into the marina paved if funds are so limited? - The marina-related paving was done under a State Highway District grant, which could not be obtained for other road work within the Town.

Why can't monies earned by the marina be used for other purposes in the Town budget? - Because the terms of the Town's lease with the Corps of Engineers restricts the use of moorage and launching fees to maintenance of and improvements to the basin.

What does the Town do with all the money we pay in property taxes? - The Town gets only \$5.76 for every \$1,000 we pay in taxes, and \$2.66 of that goes to retire the sewer debt and to pay for the new fire truck. (72% of our taxes go for the schools and college systems). The Town's entire administrative cost, including fire and police protection, is covered by the \$2.40 per \$1,000 collected from local property taxes.

Based on these facts and an assessment of the present state of the Town's infrastructure, the Council has voted to propose a tax base that would permit us to plan a long-term attack on the problem. We know Hammond voters have said 'no' to every request for more tax revenues in the recent past, and that until there is some property tax relief, they will be under pressure to go on saying 'no'.

But, as one member of the Council puts it, "we were elected to give some leadership on the problems the Town faces, and it's up to us to let the voters know that if we keep on postponing these repairs, in the end the cost is going to be out of our reach'."

**CHANGE IN NEWSLETTER SPONSOR**

Many thanks to the NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS CO. Which has sponsored our Town Newsletter and paid postage for its delivery for the past year. With this issue, we welcome a new sponsor, COOKE CABLEVISION.

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# HAMMOND MARINA DEVELOPMENT

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

Planning Commission - Tuesday June 12, 1990 7 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday June 19, 1990 7 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday July 10, 1990 7 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday July 17, 1990 7 p.m.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP FACTS

During one of the recent budget meetings a question was raised regarding the presence on the budget committee of one of the Common Council members who is also a member of the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department. Volunteer fire-fighters are considered employees of the Town and are excluded by law from serving on the budget committee as appointed members. According to ORS 294.336 BUDGET COMMITTEE, the following membership restrictions are listed:

(2) The budget committee shall consist of the members of the governing body...(the Common Council)...and a number, equal to the number of members of the governing body, of electors of the municipal corporation appointed by the governing body...

(4) Appointive members of the budget committee shall not be officers, agents or employees of the municipal corporation.

### HOTEL/CONFERENCE CENTER PROGRESS REPORT

In case anyone has not already heard, on April 23, 1990, the Hammond Common Council accepted a proposal from Northwest Conference Center Resorts, Inc. for the construction of a 198 room Hotel, Conference Center and Restaurant on the property that the Town owns adjacent to the Hammond Marina.

The formal presentation of the proposal and a question and answer session with residents and interested persons that was held on April 24, 1990 at the Fellowship Room of the Philadelphia Church in Hammond was videotaped. A copy of the videotape, which is approximately one hour in length, is available on loan with a \$10.00 refundable deposit. It can be picked up at the Hammond Town Hall.



## NO STREET REPAIRS THIS TIME

The Road District tax base request failed, so residents should not expect any major (or minor) street repairs. The Common Council may place the question on the ballot again in November.

## NEWSPAPER DROP BOX FOR HAMMOND

For the convenience of Hammond residents, the local chapter of the International Order of Odd Fellows has provided a large newspaper recycling box which is now located at the east side of the Hammond Town Hall.

Please fold newspapers once and place in grocery bags before dropping in the collection box. They will be picked up on a regular basis.

## BUILDING BOOM BEGINS

New construction projects in Hammond are:

The South Jetty Inn, which is being built just east of the Buoy 9 Restaurant and Lounge. This first phase building will house the Manager's apartment and eight motel units. Twenty more units are planned in later phases at the same location.

A 60 unit apartment complex is planned for the location across from the Point Adams Cannery on Pacific Drive. Construction may begin as early as July, 1990.

Ted and Oriole Olson's Hammond RV and Mini Storage is presently under construction at Pacific and Lake Drives.



TOWN OF ESTES PARK

## SPECIAL VISITORS COMING TO HAMMOND

The Town of Hammond is corresponding with the Town of Estes Park, Colorado to explore the possibility of establishing a "Sister City" relationship with that beautiful Town which sits at the east gateway to the Rocky Mt. National Park. The two Towns, sharing sisterhood "from the top of the Continental Divide to the Pacific Shore".

The Mayor of Estes Park, Bernie Dannels, will be in Oregon this summer. He writes that he and his wife plan to stay in our area and would like to meet with Hammond officials and members of the community during the afternoons or evenings between July 2 and July 4. Let's welcome them to our community family while they are here!

## KOA CAMPGROUND NOW CARRIES HAMMOND T-SHIRTS

Another outlet for the Hammond T-Shirts is the store at the new Shipwreck KOA campground across from the entrance to Fort Stevens State Park.

## NEW BATTERY RECYCLING LAW

As of January 1, 1990, disposal of lead-acid batteries in Oregon by any method other than recycling is prohibited, and anyone who disposes of lead-acid batteries improperly may incur a civil penalty of up to \$500. Battery retailers and wholesalers are required to take back used batteries for recycling and must post a visible and legible sign in the area where the batteries are sold. The sign must state that the batteries can only be disposed of by recycling and that the dealer will accept used lead-acid batteries of the same type sold there. Each day a required notice is not posted is considered a separate violation.

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## WHAT IMPROVEMENTS DOES THE TOWN OF HAMMOND NEED AND WHAT POSSIBLE SOURCES ARE THERE OF FUNDING FOR THEM?

### ROADS:

Many of the Town's roads need ~~repairing~~ and some should be widened to allow for bike lanes and sidewalks.

Curbing and gutters should be installed to prevent deterioration of newly-paved as well as older roads.

### UTILITIES:

Improvements to existing water lines to service areas with ~~dangerously low pressure~~.

Sewer lines extended into areas not presently accessible.

Renovation of our collapsing storm drainage system.

### MARINA:

Relocation of the ~~tide gate~~ that presently empties into and contributes to the silting problem of the marina.

Dredging that portion of the marina to make it usable by pleasure, charter, and commercial boats.

Paying for the use of a mitigation site.

Replacing piling and rip-rapping around the perimeter of the marina, which is presently being eroded.

### BEAUTIFICATION:

Upgrading the median strip by installing curbing and gutters, and replacing the flowering cherry trees that have died over the years.

Establishing a low interest loan fund for owners' improvements of homes and businesses in the downtown area.

## WHAT REVENUE SOURCES ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE TOWN TO FINANCE THESE IMPROVEMENTS?

1. A local improvement district (LID) could be established to enlarge inadequate water lines; bonds would be issued and only property owners within the district assessed would repay the money.

2. A road district tax base levy could be approved to finance road improvements and the storm drainage system; everyone's taxes would be raised to provide the funds.

3. A tax base increase for the Town to pay increased costs of fire and police protection and administrative costs; everyone's taxes would be raised to provide the funds.

4. An urban renewal district could be formed to include those areas that need any or all of the above improvements; taxes collected on the increment of increased value within the district would repay the money borrowed by the bond issue.

ONCE THAT MONEY IS REPAID, THE ENTIRE TAX ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT WOULD GO ON THE REGULAR TAX ROLLS, AND EACH INDIVIDUAL OWNER OR BUSINESS'S TAX RATE WOULD BE LOWERED.



## MYTHS AND FACTS ABOUT URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT FINANCING

There is so much happening in Hammond with all the actual and proposed development taking place, it is easy to be confused about the impact that this will have on all of us. As is usually the case with this kind of activity, there is a lot of mis-information circulating. To avoid compounding the confusion, here are some "Myths and Facts" about urban renewal district financing:

MYTH: An urban renewal district will raise the taxes on homes and businesses within its boundaries.

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# HAMMOND TOWN CRIER



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council - Tuesday July 24, 1990 7 p.m.  
CEDC Open Meeting-Warrenton Community Center - July 19, 1990 8 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday Aug. 14, 1990 7 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday Aug. 21, 1990 7 p.m.

## CEDC OPEN MEETING FEATURES HAMMOND CONFERENCE CENTER PROJECT

Principals of Northwest Conference Resorts, Inc. will be featured at the CEDC open meeting scheduled for the Warrenton Community Center on Thursday, July 19, 1990. Dinner will be served at a cost of \$7.50 per person at 7 p.m. and the open meeting will begin at 8 p.m. Updated information on the Hammond Conference Center Development and the Shorepines golf course will be the topic of the presentation.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

BURNING PERMITS are required for open burning as of July 5, 1990. Daily permits will be available at the Hammond Town Hall. Burning is still allowed without permit if done in a barrel with 1/4 inch mesh screen covering. A REMINDER: DO NOT BURN PLASTICS, NYLON ROPE, FISH NET, TIRES, PAINT OR OIL PRODUCTS.

FIRE STATION OPEN HOUSE - On Saturday, July 21st the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting an open house at the Hammond Fire Station from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be fire and medical equipment displays, the Clatsop County firefighter's Fire Safety House, and Blood Pressure screening. Fire fighters will be available to answer questions on the up-coming levy request.

LEVY REQUEST - Hammond Volunteer Fire Department will be going to the voters of Hammond with a two year levy request for the purchase of fire fighter safety equipment. Budget cuts do not allow any funds for the purchase of new or replacement equipment. The two (2) year, \$44,000 levy would purchase new airpaks and bottles to replace ones that are up to 25 years old and fail new airflow tests. Several portable radios are requested due to the changing and adding of radio frequencies by the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center. Other items included are personal distress devices, (these sound an alarm if a firefighter is injured and fails to move for 30 seconds), and replacement helmets, coats, pants and boots.

So far in 1990 the Hammond Volunteer Fire Department has responded to 35 alarms. These include 17 Fire Calls (one mutual aid), 14 Medical Rescue Calls and 4 Jaws of Life Responses.



VISITORS FROM ESTES PARK, COLORADO WELCOMED

Mayor Bernie Dannels and his wife, Glenna visited Hammond over the July 4th Holiday. They spent most of their time here on successful fishing trips, but had a pleasant visit with our Mayor, Janet Stevenson and attended a special Town Council meeting where they presented photos of the Estes Park area, regional pins for all of the Hammond officials and a pewter statue depicting a lamb and a sheep dog from the annual Longs Peak Scottish Highlands Festival. The photos and statue are on display at the Hammond Town Hall. Hammond and the Town of Estes Park are establishing a "Sister City" relationship.

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August, 1990

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Council - Tuesday August 21, 1990 7 p.m.  
HAMMOND SALMON BARBECUE AND FAMILY PICNIC Saturday Sept 1, 1990 3 - 6 p.m.  
Planning Commission - Tuesday September 11, 1990 7 p.m.  
Town Council - Tuesday September 18, 1990 7 p.m.  
Filing deadline for Mayor and Council election, noon Sept. 6, 1990

## MAYOR AND TWO COUNCIL POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER BALLOT

The office of Mayor, and Council positions #4 and #5 will be on the ballot for the November 6, 1990 election. Current office holders are Mayor - Janet Stevenson, Council position #4 - John Shepherd and Council position #5 - Dan Van Thiel. In order to be eligible for election the candidate must be a registered voter, and a resident of the Town during the six months immediately preceding the election. Petitions carrying signatures of at least 20 qualified voters must be submitted to the Town Hall prior to noon on Thursday September 6, 1990. Petition forms may be obtained from the Town Clerk's office in Hammond Town Hall, 861 Pacific Drive.

## GREAT HAMMOND FISHING EXPERIENCE!

Bob Oliver, owner and skipper of the charter vessel PRIMETIME brought this great poem in to Town Hall, Fred Cook is his deckhand. Thanks for sharing this with the rest of Hammond!

August 6th, 1990

Up at 4, out by 5  
With Fred and Bob as our guide,  
By 6 we have our lines in place  
With great big grins upon our face!  
At 7 and 8 we're doing fine,  
With lots of fish upon the line.  
A gull was caught, some bait was stolen  
But we just kept on a trollin',  
We had our limit at 9 a.m.  
So turned around and went home again.  
Thank you Bob, and thank you Fred,  
It's still early enough to go back to bed!

Great time - Thanks, Cindi McNabb, Kelowna, British Columbia



It's time again for what has become a much anticipated annual event. This year, on Saturday September 1, 1990 from 3:00 to 6:00 the fourth annual Hammond salmon barbecue and family picnic will be held at the Seafarers Park near the Hammond Marina. The menu is barbecued salmon (or hot dogs), corn on the cob, tossed green salad, garlic bread and cake. Cotton candy will be a fun addition to the dessert menu for the old fashioned price of 25 cents per cone! Prices for dinner remain the same as last year: \$6.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children aged 6 to 12 (under 6 are free).

A repeat of last year's very successful raffle will be held at 5:30 p.m. the day of the picnic. Tickets are on sale now at the Town Hall, 50 cents each or 3 for \$1. Both adults and kids items will be raffled off - you don't have to be present to win. Prizes include: 5 charter fishing trips, Gannaway Brothers jewelry, and gift certificates from over 15 area businesses!

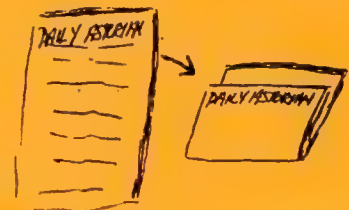
One major difference from last year is that by the time of the picnic, Town employees Ken Smith, Jim McKey and the Parks and Recreation committee will have built an old fashioned gazebo of our very own! Materials have been donated by Canenham Forest Industries and Warrenton Builders Supply. What hasn't been donated will be paid for from a grant the town received last year for the purpose of constructing a picnic shelter. The gazebo will be 18 feet in diameter - large enough for a couple of picnic tables or a small band. Plans call for local musicians to perform during the picnic, and people are encouraged to bring their own instruments to join in the music-making!

#### PAY YOUR BILLS AT TOWN HALL

A pay station for U.S. West, Pacific Power, Daily Astorian, NW Natural Gas, Falcon Cable, the City of Warrenton and now THE COLUMBIA PRESS has been in place at the Hammond Town Hall for over a month. Payments dropped at this station will be forwarded every Wednesday. Remember, no postage is required.

#### NEWSPAPER RECYCLING

The folks at I.O.O.F. have asked us to remind you that magazines are not to be placed in the newspaper drop box at the Town Hall. All newspapers, and flyers and advertisements that come in the papers, are welcome. Please fold the newspapers only once (see illustration) and either place them in grocery bags or tie them with string.



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Property owned in Hammond valued today at \$34,000 pays \$5.30 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to the Town of Hammond in the form of property taxes. This works out to \$180.20 per year.

Property owned in Hammond valued today at \$3 million also pays \$5.30 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to the Town of Hammond in the form of property taxes. This works out to \$15,900 per year.

Of the \$5.30 that stays in Hammond, \$2.57 is distributed to the General Fund for Police, Fire and Administration; \$1.81 goes toward paying off the sewer construction, and \$.92 is put toward paying off the new fire truck.

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The current assessed value for the entire town of Hammond is \$16,249,523  
The current tax rate is \$30.17 per \$1,000 of property value.

~~With the addition of a \$24 million hotel/conference center + 24,000,000~~

New total assessed value of entire town of Hammond 40,249,523  
New tax rate would be \$12.18 per \$1,000 of property value.

A decrease of \$17.99 per \$1,000.

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This newsletter masthead is a drawing of the old boathouse that used to be out in the river in front of the old Coast Guard station. Hammond resident Lin Higgins drew this several years ago. If YOU have sketches or drawings, bring them to Town Hall. Show off your talents!  
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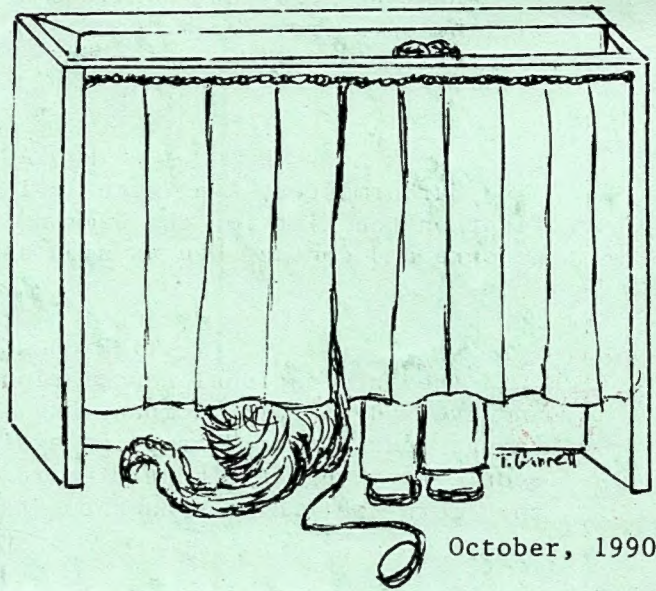


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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- COLUMBIA PRESS CANDIDATES FORUM - Monday, October 29, 1990 7 p.m. -
- Election Day - Tuesday, November 6, 1990 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Planning Commission - Tuesday, November 13, 1990 7 p.m.
- Town Council - Tuesday November 20, 1990 7 p.m.

## NEW TAX RATE FOR HAMMOND!

The 1990-91 Consolidated Tax Rate will be \$26.42 per \$1,000.00 of assessed value. This is DOWN \$3.74 from \$30.16 per \$1,000.00. The Town's total assessed value jumped more than \$822,500.00 to \$17,072,068.00. the current rates for cities at the north end of Clatsop county are:

Astoria - \$32.98 per \$1,000.00  
Hammond - \$26.42 per \$1,000.00  
Warrenton - \$23.77 per \$1,000.00

## LOCAL CANDIDATES FORUM SCHEDULED

The Columbia Press newspaper is sponsoring a forum for candidates for the Town of Hammond Governmental positions coming up in the General Election.

The forum will be held at the Philadelphia Church in Hammond on Monday, October 29, 1990 from 7 - 9 p.m. Candidates invited to take part are:

- MAYOR - Janet Stevenson, Incumbent  
Marcia Ferrell, Challenger
- COUNCIL #4 - Dan Van Thiel, Incumbent  
Cheryl Hitchman, Challenger
- COUNCIL #5 - John Shepherd, Incumbent  
Kelly Simonsen, Challenger

There will be a question and answer period for all candidates. Cards will be available at the meeting to write down your questions. Moderator will present as many of the questions as time will allow.

Find out, first hand, what the issues are and where each candidate stands on:

- Tourism and commercial development in the Hammond Marina
- Expanding moorage in the Hammond Marina; fishing-Fishing Seasons
- Fire Department Funding - Emergency equipment for fire fighters
- Future revenue sources
- Population "explosion" and multi-family housing units
- Street improvements & stormwater drainage

**CANCELLED**

**Challengers  
Declined To  
Participate**



#### ELECTION INFORMATION

Hammond residents can vote at the Philadelphia Church in Hammond. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6, 1990. Sample ballots are available at Town Hall.

#### MOORAGE RESERVATIONS

Harbormaster, Ken Smith advises that residents of Hammond will be placed first on the list for the Hammond Marina, as moorage space becomes available. Be sure and contact Ken as soon as possible. 861-1461 or 861-2712.

#### TIME CHANGE - BATTERY CHANGE

The International Association of Fire Chiefs, American Burn Association, and Eveready Battery Company are sponsoring a nationwide "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign again this fall. The campaign encourages people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors and flashlights when they turn their clocks back to Standard Time on October 28, 1990.

**CHANGE YOUR CLOCK**



**CHANGE YOUR BATTERY**

#### BUILDING BOOM UPDATE

The COLUMBIA POINT Apartments at 500 Pacific Drive will have 60 units, one, two and three bedrooms. Completion is scheduled for early 1991.

Down the road, at POINT TRIUMPH Condominiums, 21 of 24 planned units are completed, with construction on the next three to begin soon.

In the newly re-platted Battery Russell subdivision (south of Pacific and 7th Drives - near where the old Junior High baseball field was) a purchase agreement for lot #1 has been negotiated and the new owner will soon apply for a building permit to place a 40 - 45 unit apartment complex there. Bids for improvements (water, sewer, utilities, paving etc) to the north portion of the subdivision will be taken before the close of 1990 with construction to follow.

The property within that portion of the subdivision is zoned RH - High Density Residential, and a multi-family housing development is a permitted use.

#### STORMWATER DRAINAGE

A grant for \$10,000.00 to conduct an engineering study of Hammond's stormwater drainage has been received. The Council has hired HGE, Inc. from Portland, to provide planning and design services. HGE will develop a base map of the existing storm drainage system, identify and prioritize needed improvements, develop probable construction costs for identified improvements, develop typical details and specifications for improvements, and identify potential methods of financing those improvements.

#### WATER SYSTEM, ROADS, DOCKS ... WHAT ELSE NEEDS REPAIRS?

As a result of all the new development occurring in Hammond our basic infrastructure will be feeling the strain. A grant has been received from the Special Public Works Fund section of the Oregon Lottery program to hire a consulting firm to look at our new and future infrastructure needs by compiling a comprehensive list of those needs, preparing estimates of engineering and construction costs, defining funding alternatives and sources, and developing a financing strategy for the construction of the desired improvements. Some of the anticipated improvements are

1. Expansion of the water transmission line from Warrenton
2. Implementation of stormwater drainage plan
3. Street repairs and upgrade
4. Marina dredging and dock construction
5. Streetscape improvements - lighting, plantings, sidewalks

To help speed the process for both the stormwater and the infrastructure studies, please phone Town Hall (861-2712) and let us know where drainage problems exist in your neighborhood, and what improvements and/or repairs to the Town's infrastructure you think are necessary.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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Town Council - Thursday, December 13, 1990 7 p.m.  
Christmas Carolling - Sunday December 23, 1990 5 p.m.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

TOWN HALL WILL NOW BE CLOSED ALL AFTERNOONS. Budget constraints have forced us to reduce staff at a time when the work load is unusually heavy. Telephone calls will be taken by the answering machine and staff will reply as soon as possible.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 20 ON MARINA DEVELOPMENT

Northwest Conference Resorts partners Frank Hildreth and Don Wudtke will be available to answer questions about the proposed conference center at the Hammond Marina at a special town meeting, scheduled for December 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Philadelphia Church. In view of local interest in the number and kinds of jobs to be provided, Hildreth and Wudtke will come prepared to give specific information about job opportunities, benefits, and hiring policies.

Questions will be taken from the floor, but if you would rather write your question(s), tear off the blank at the bottom of this page and drop it in the locked box inside the porch at Town Hall. It is of interest to know whether questioners are or are not Hammond residents, so there are spaces for your name and address. You don't have to fill them in if you prefer not to.

QUESTION DIRECTED TO: Mr. Hildreth Mr. Wudtke both other \_\_\_\_\_

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# UPDATE ON GRANTS

Grants provide most of the funds available to the Town of Hammond for much-needed improvements. The process by which federal and/or state funds are obtained is complicated, and there are stringent requirements about administering the grant once obtained. For easier understanding of the present status of the grant-in-progress, we are dividing this report into two categories:

- (A) Grants written, approved, and in progress.
- (B) Grants that must be written in the immediate future.

(A) The stormwater drainage system study, funded by a grant the Community Development Block Grant program got off to a good, wet start last month. Engineers from the consulting firm HGE of Portland were taken on a tour of problem spots during the first big rain of the season. They will be back with TV cameras designed to explore blockages. Diagnosis of the problems, recommended procedures for curing them, and financing suggestions will follow.

As soon as the above survey is complete, Town Clerk Leslie Shepherd will begin writing a grant request for funds to carry out the repairs.

(A) The infrastructure feasibility study, funded by a grant from the Special Public Works Fund (Oregon Lottery) has begun as well. Representatives of Northwest Conference Resorts have met with staff, council members, representatives of Warrenton and the state Economic Development Department to discuss Hammond's needs, such as water and sewer system upgrading (to be coordinated with the storm sewer project), street repairs, street lighting, dredging of the marina, and landscaping of the downtown rights-of-way. A preliminary report will be submitted early in 1991 for council and public comment, followed by the final draft in March or April.

(A) The \$8,000 grant by the Oregon Regional Strategies program for repairs on the marina's fuel dock is on its way through the pipeline. Work has begun on the detailed plans and the job may be advertised for bid in early 1991.

(A) Marina improvement projects funded by the Oregon State Marine Board are progressing as well. Bids will be advertised in January for reconstruction of E-Row. Bids for expansion of the public restrooms came in too high last year, so plans are being revised to keep the project within the budgeted amount. The propose fish cleaning station and the marine sewage pump-out station will be part of the restroom expansion. It is hoped that the whole project will be completed in time for the 1991 season.

(B) We just learned that the application for a \$25,000 grant from the Special Cities Allotment section of the State Highway Division has been denied. The project was to widen and resurface 7th Avenue from Chinook to Fleet, where the increase of traffic due to the construction of the 60 unit apartment complex will worsen an already lumpy road. Hammond's project ranked 18th out of 45 applicants; 12 projects were funded. This grant will be re-submitted in June of 1991 for the next round of funding.

## POSITIONS TO BE FILLED

### PLANNING COMMISSION:

Lin Higgins has been appointed to complete the term of Diana Hilton, who resigned last week.

Two four-year positions will be open as of January 1, 1991. Anyone interested in serving on the Planning Commission should contact Town Hall. Meetings are monthly, on the second Tuesday, in Town Hall at 7:00 p.m.

### BUDGET COMMITTEE:

Butch Fletcher has been appointed Budget Officer to replace June Spence. He is anxious to call an early meeting of the Committee to deal with cuts necessitated by an unexpected shortfall.

Applications to fill the three vacancies on the Budget Committee are being taken at Town Hall. The budget process starts in March and must be completed by the May Council meeting. The Budget Committee may meet weekly in the early stages, but usually there are only three or four evening meetings.

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING: SATURDAY DECEMBER 15 AT 3:00 P.M.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING AGAIN THIS YEAR, TOO!!!! BRING GOODIES, INSTRUMENTS, YOUR FAMILIES AND THEIR VOICES TO HAMMOND TOWN HALL, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 5:00 P.M.

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